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Representative Chris Lee
Chair, Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection
Representative Clift Tsuji
Chair, Committee on Economic Development and Business
Hearing on Senate Bill 17 SD2 - Relating to Fossil Fuels
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Aloha Chairs Lee and Tsuji!

Enterprise Honolulu stands in strong support of Senate Bill 17 SD2 removing the 2015 sunset date, increases the tax revenue allocation to the Department of Agriculture and the State Energy Office, enabling diversified agriculture and renewable energy programs and to the Department of Health with an increase for environmental spill response.

While reflecting on the recommendations put forth by the Hawaii Economic Development Task Force to the legislature in 2011, it is apparent that the original intent of Act 73 is to serve and care for our home and our people to a healthy future. As we continue to recover from the great recession, our diligence to strengthen our inner core is vital. We must reverse the effects of importing products and services that we can produce here, namely food and energy.

In the 2009 and 2010 legislative session, Enterprise Honolulu was directly involved in developing and assisting in passing the Hawai'i Food and Energy Security Act 73. As we did our original drafting of the legislation, I conducted discussions in the community and clearly no one was excited to pay any tax increase on oil, however, when we explained the purpose and intention of the initiative, there was not one person who asked us to stop, but rather unsure that the funds are being used for their intended purpose.

The intention will always be available as a guide and I humbly request your consideration to champion the direction back to the highest hopes for the people of Hawai'i! Not the general fund or a new sunset date.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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