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Statement of  
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before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

February 19, 2014  
9:15 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

in consideration of  
**SB 2198**

**RELATING TO RENEWABLE FUELS.**

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) offers comments on SB 2198, which establishes a task force within DBEDT to perform a feasibility study and propose legislation for locally produced renewable fuels blending mandates.

DBEDT is concerned that the financial and human resources required to administer the duties mandated by this bill are not included in its current budget. Specifically, DBEDT estimates that an additional \$570,000, covering consulting fees and department staff over a two year period, would be required to implement the will of this measure. Should the committee decide to proceed with this measure, we caution that the additional funding requirement should not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

**Comments of  
Gary M. Slovin / Mihoko E. Ito  
on behalf of  
The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers**

DATE: February 19, 2014

TO: Senator David Y. Ige  
Chair, Committee on Ways And Means  
*Submitted Via [WAMtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:WAMtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)*

RE: **S.B. 2198– Relating to Renewable Fuels**  
**Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 9:15 am**  
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Dear Chair Ige and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

On behalf of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers (“Alliance”) we submit these comments regarding S.B. 2198.

The Alliance is a trade association of twelve car and light truck manufacturers including BMW Group, Chrysler Group LLC, Ford Motor Company, General Motors Company, Jaguar Land Rover, Mazda, Mercedes-Benz USA, Mitsubishi Motors, Porsche, Toyota, Volkswagen Group of North America, and Volvo.

The Alliance is in **support** of S.B. 2198. The Alliance and its members have invested billions of dollars in developing engines that will use a variety of fuels. These include electric vehicles, full flex vehicles, diesel vehicles that can use biofuels and hydrogen. The manufacturers have also worked hard to make standard vehicles close to emission free with very high miles per gallon. As an example, the Alliance is very involved in the pilot program in California to establish nearly 100 hydrogen fueling stations in certain areas of California.

The Alliance supports the development of biofuels. As we have noted earlier, such biofuels need to meet standards such that these fuels can be used without harm to diesel engines. And biofuels are being used in diesel engines today. Today, these fuels cannot be used in standard gasoline engines. However, technologies are continuing to be developed in an effort to make the standard motor vehicle less dependent on the use of fossil fuels.

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In recent years, the Alliance has been an active supporter and member of the Transportation Working Group of the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum. We believe that those discussions have been useful as the various stakeholders who have participated have been able to educate themselves and others about the various issues involved with developing alternative fuels. What has been developed so far in terms of gas mileage and the development of alternative fuels could probably not have been anticipated just a few years ago. The Alliance is very interested in participating in further discussions on this important subject and is pleased that it has been named as a member of the task force. Just as we have been active in the Transportation Working Group, the Alliance will be an active participant in the task force and believes that the task force can accomplish a great deal in meeting the objectives of Senate Bill 2198.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this bill.

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