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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Monday, February 25, 2019
2:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room #308

In consideration of
HB 852 HD1
RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) **opposes** HB 852 HD1, which deletes funds for the fiscal biennium 2019-2021 operating budget of the Hawaii State Energy Office (BED 120).

The position amounts and appropriated amounts have been changed to unspecified amounts and the special fund source of funding has been changed to general funds. The Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection has indicated its intent to use general funds to cover non-vacant positions for one year.

DBEDT respectfully requests that the position amounts for BED120 be restored to 5.00 permanent full-time equivalent and 28.00 temporary full-time equivalent positions in FY 19-20 and FY20-21, and that the operating budget for BED120 be restored to \$4,887,258 special funds (MOF B) and \$240,000 trust funds (MOF T) in FY 19-20 and FY20-21. HSEO's Energy Security Special Fund, its primary source of funding, will provide for sustainable operations into the future based on adjustments made to planned expenditures.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 2/20/2019 8:25:21 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/25/2019 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cecilia Belmes	Big Island adult foster home	Support	No

Comments:

I am in full support of this HB 582 Bill. I hope that this bill will pass for us caregivers to get a proper raise into taking care of these elders in need.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support HB852. Coral reefs are dying in large part to warming oceans, and valuable coastline is eroding due to sea level rise. Climate change is already occurring. To protect the environment is to protect our tourism dollars.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

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