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Testimony of the Environmental Advisory Council on SB422 (SD1)
Before the House Committee on Finance
Conference Room 308 & Videoconference
March 31, 2023 at 2:00 pm

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Aloha Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

The State of Hawai'i Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) submits this testimony in strong **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 422 (SD1).

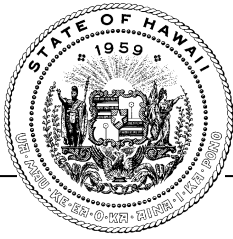
In 2021, the legislature passed HB 1318, which was enacted as Act 152, which, among other things, administratively transferred the EAC to the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. In doing so, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Sections 341-3 through 341-5 were repealed. HRS Section 341-6 was amended to update the EAC functions, but still retained a reference to HRS Section 341-4(b)(3), which had been repealed.

The EAC requests that this Committee vote in favor of this measure which will amend HRS Section 341-6 to delete the former reference to HRS Section 341-4(b)(3). The remainder of HRS Section 341-6 will substantively be the same.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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in consideration of
SB 422, SD 1
RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) supports SB 422, SD 1, which makes a housekeeping amendment to section 341-6, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to delete a reference to a repealed section.

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) found an error in Act 152, Session Laws of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021. Act 152 administratively transferred the EAC from the Department of Health to the OPSD. In doing so, sections 341-3 through 341-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), were repealed. However, section 341-6, HRS, which sets out the functions of the EAC, still references a section that was repealed by Act 152. The bill corrects this error.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

SB-422-SD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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