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RELATING TO HIGHWAYS

Senate Committees on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and
Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports the intent** of this bill that establishes the Highways Clean Energy Technology Pilot Program within the HDOT. However, the HDOT has the following comments and concerns.

Although there is a lot of space along the sides of state roadways and highways on Molokai, the state right-of-way is relatively narrow and the solar panel structure and battery storage housing may not fit.

For safety reasons, the HDOT is concerned with reduced sight distances along curves, reflected sun glare impairing drivers, and reduced or eliminated road shoulders.

The HDOT requests the pilot program look at areas other than along roadways and highways as placing obstacles adjacent to the travel lanes are not recommended. Several park and ride facilities located within the state right-of-way would be ideal candidates.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Testimony for TCA on 2/8/2024 3:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

Stop Wasting Tax Payer Monets on CRAP!!!!!!!

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Comments:

Alternative energy represents the future and should be pursued promptly. While it's essential to monitor the budget diligently for obvious reasons, recent fluctuations in interest rates and retail prices have exposed vulnerabilities to the state and all its residents.