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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Thursday, March 20, 2025
2:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In support of
SB 1341
RELATING TO ENERGY INDUSTRY INFORMATION REPORTING

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports its priority Senate Bill No. 1341, a Governor Green Administration Package Bill. This bill amends sections 486J-5.5 and 486J-6(c) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to grant the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HIEMA) and the Office of Homeland Security (OHS) access to critical Energy Industry Information Reporting Program (EIIRP) data. This measure strengthens Hawaii's ability to safeguard its energy infrastructure, ensuring a more resilient, responsive, and secure future for residents, businesses, and industries that rely on uninterrupted energy supply.

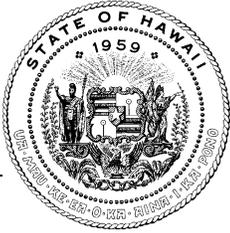
A stable energy sector is fundamental not only to emergency preparedness but also to Hawaii's broader economic and community well-being. Disruptions to fuel supplies whether from natural disasters, geopolitical uncertainties, or supply chain challenges can have far-reaching consequences, affecting everything from transportation and commerce to food security and public health. By granting HIEMA and OHS access to this critical energy data, state leaders and first responders will be better equipped to anticipate risks, coordinate emergency response efforts, and ensure the continuity of essential services in times of crisis.

Hawaii has long recognized the importance of strategic energy planning, and this bill represents a proactive step toward modernizing our energy security framework. Through collaboration with the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO), HIEMA and OHS have played an essential role in developing an energy common operating picture (COP)—a dynamic, data-driven tool that provides real-time insight into the state's energy landscape. The EIIRP serves a critical role in this system, supplying volumetric

fuel data that helps agencies make informed decisions in both emergency and non-emergency scenarios.

Currently, EIRP data access is granted to DBEDT, the Department of Health, the Public Utilities Commission, the Consumer Advocate, the Attorney General, and the Department of Taxation. Expanding this access to Hawaii's emergency management and homeland security agencies is a necessary step in building a more resilient Hawaii. At a time when climate-driven weather events and supply chain disruptions are becoming more frequent, ensuring that key agencies have the right information at the right time is crucial to protecting lives, maintaining economic stability, and fostering public confidence.

For these reasons, we urge the Committee's support for SB 1341. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Thursday, March 20, 2025
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State Capitol, Conference Room 325 and Videoconference

In Support of
SENATE BILL NO. 1341

RELATING TO ENERGY INDUSTRY INFORMATION REPORTING.

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and members of the Committee, I am writing in support of Senate Bill No. 1341 which amends sections 486J-5.5 and 486J-6(c) Hawaii Revised Statutes to include the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HIEMA) and the Office of Homeland Security (OHS) to the list of authorized entities allowed to examine Energy Industry Information Reporting Program (EIIRP) data collected from fuel producers and sellers as well as fuel importers and exporters.

The Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) has long collaborated with HIEMA and OHS on matters of emergency response and critical infrastructure protection. A central focus of this partnership has been the development and maintenance of an energy common operating picture (COP). This COP serves as a vital resource, providing actionable intelligence to inform strategic decision-making in emergencies and enhance planning processes related to energy security. HSEO has developed specific tools and dashboards designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the energy sector's operational status. The EIIRP provides the cornerstone of volumetric energy data critical to a complete COP. Currently, access to inspect EIIRP data is granted to the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Department of Health, the Public Utilities Commission, the Consumer Advocate, the Attorney General, and the Department of Taxation. Expanding access to the State's dedicated emergency management and homeland security agencies, HIEMA and OHS, represents an essential step toward enhancing our collective ability to safeguard Hawaii's energy infrastructure.

It should be noted that access does not imply data is readily shared with any person from these agencies. Any staff from either agency that wishes to view the data will still need to abide

by controls put in place to protect the data. They will need to demonstrate a need to know and sign and abide by the Qualified Person Protective Agreement.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.