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Testimony of Warren Bollmeier
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Before the
Senate Committee on Energy & Environment
Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair; Senator Josh Green, Vice-Chair
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IN SUPPORT OF SB 349 – Relating to Renewable Fuels

I am Warren Bollmeier, Chair of the Renewable Energy Working Group of the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum (Forum). The Forum, created in 2002, is comprised of 46 representatives from Hawaii's electric utilities, oil and natural gas suppliers, environmental and community groups, renewable energy industry, and federal, state and local government, including representatives from the neighbor islands. Our vision and mission, and comprehensive "10 Point Action Plan" serves as a guide to move Hawaii toward its preferred energy goals and our support for this bill.

The purpose of SB 349 is to replace the existing Ethanol Facility Investment Tax Credit (Section 243-3.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes) with a Renewable Fuels Production Tax Credit.

The Forum supports SB 349 as it would help us meet the transportation fuels component of the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative. Specifically, we note after having worked on various precursor versions of this bill for the past several years that this bill would:

1. Create opportunities for a broad range of facilities in Hawaii to produce renewable fuels and. Specifically, in addition to ethanol, the credit would be eligible for facilities that could produce liquid or gaseous fuels, including methanol, biodiesel, biojet, hydrogen and biogas,
2. Reward successful developers in Hawaii based on how much they produce and not how much they invest,
3. Encourage local farmers to work with developers to produce local feedstocks, and
4. Result in the creation of sustainable jobs in Hawaii and valuable contribution to Hawaii's economy, and

Thus, the Forum respectfully urges its passage of SB 349.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

This testimony reflects the position of the Forum as a whole and not necessarily of the individual Forum members or their companies or organizations.