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Bill No. 2631

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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
ON  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2631

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RELATING TO ENERGY INDUSTRY REPORTING

House Bill No. 2631 establishes within the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, the Energy Industry Monitoring and Analysis Program, to collect relevant energy data and information to achieve the State's energy policies, programs, and plans.

In addition, House Bill No. 2631 also establishes the Energy Industry Monitoring, and Analysis special fund to receive funds from the general revenues of the State to be used for administering the energy industry monitoring and analysis program and to fund a full-time staff position to implement the energy program.

We oppose this bill. As a matter of general policy, this department does not support the creation of any special fund that does not meet the requirements of Section 37-52.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Special funds should: 1) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries of the program; 2) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 3) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. It is difficult to determine whether the sources of funding for the Energy Industry Monitoring and Analysis special fund reflect a clear nexus and whether the special fund will be self-sustaining.

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**MEASURE:** H.B. No. 2631  
**TITLE:** Relating to Energy Industry Reporting

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Chair Morita and Members of the Committee:

**DESCRIPTION:**

This bill proposes to include within chapter 196, Hawaii Revised Statutes, ("HRS") provisions for the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism ("DBEDT") to directly collect relevant energy data and information and suspends Sections 486J-3, 486J-4, 486J-4.5, and 486J-5, HRS.

**POSITION:**

The Commission respectfully defers to DBEDT on Section 2 of this measure, but would like to comment and provide suggestions on Section 3 of this measure that would suspend certain provisions of Chapter 486J, HRS.

**COMMENTS:**

- The Commission suggests that in Section 3, in addition to suspending Sections 486J-3, 486J-4, 486J-4.5, and 486J-5, HRS, Section 486J-5.5 also be suspended so that it is clear that the Commission will not be required to maintain an automated petroleum reporting system and database since the petroleum reporting requirements will have also been suspended under Section 3 of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.