



DEPT. COMM. NO. 260

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VIA EMAIL & HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
Senate President
415 South Beretania Street
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Audit of the Hawai'i State Energy Office, Report No. 18-01

Dear President Kouchi:

We are attaching copies of our *Audit of the Hawai'i State Energy Office*, Report No. 18-01, and the Auditor's Summary. Our audit assessed how the Energy Office is fulfilling its mission to maximize Hawai'i's energy self-sufficiency and security and to guide the State toward its clean energy goals. We found the Energy Office cannot clearly articulate what it is doing to achieve its statutory mission and how its efforts have contributed to the State's clean energy goals. We also found that the office no longer has the funding to continue its current level of operations, but it has no plans for aligning and re-sizing operations to match its broad responsibilities and current fiscal realities.

The report is accessible through our website at <http://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2018/18-01.pdf>

If you have questions about the report, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Leslie H. Kondo
State Auditor

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