



February 2, 2026

The Honorable Darius K. Kila
Chair, House Committee on Transportation
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: The American Biogas Council Strongly Supports HB 1986

Dear Chair Kila and members of the Committee,

As the voice of the American biogas industry, the American Biogas Council (ABC) appreciates the opportunity to express strong support for Hawaii House Bill 1986 (HB 1986) and urges the House Committee on Transportation to favorably pass HB 1986.

A Clean Fuel Standard can advance the state's transition to a clean transportation sector, reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, through proven technology neutral, supply-driven, and market-based policy. In other state programs, not only has the market for clean fuels grown substantially, but the resulting revenue streams have funded EV purchase rebates, supported refueling station installations, and allowed fleet operators to purchase electric trucks and buses, demonstrating the programs' diverse benefits and utility. Established programs from other jurisdictions showcase significant investments and economic activity across the clean fuels industry.

- California: From 2011 through the first quarter of 2018, the program increased the value of the clean fuels market by an estimated \$2.8 billion.¹
- Oregon: From 2016 through 2021, the program generated \$328 million in credits, with that amount steadily growing annually.² Further, analysis shows a preliminary estimate of \$100 million per year is saved in avoided health costs.³
- Clean Fuel Programs have little to no impact on gasoline prices, as revealed by a study of California's program in 2022.⁴

This legislation can diversify Hawaii's energy economy and accelerate greenhouse gas reductions by decarbonizing the transportation fuel supply. A fuel-based approach minimizes impacts on drivers and consumers by avoiding fuel or vehicle mandates while positioning Hawaii as a national leader in the transition to clean fuels.

ABC and its members applaud the efforts of this body and fully support the efforts to create a Hawaii Clean Fuel Standard via HB 1986. We welcome the opportunity to work with members of this Committee on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Harding

Manager of State Policy

About the American Biogas Council

The American Biogas Council is the voice of the US biogas industry dedicated to maximizing carbon reduction and economic growth using biogas systems. We represent more than 400 companies in all parts of the biogas supply chain who are leading the way to a better future by maximizing all the positive environmental and economic impacts biogas systems offer when they recycle organic material into renewable energy and soil products. Learn more online at www.AmericanBiogasCouncil.org, Twitter [@ambiogascouncil](https://twitter.com/ambiogascouncil), and [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/ambiogascouncil)

¹ See: California Delivers – Low Carbon Fuel Standard (cadelivers.org)

² Wind, C. et al. Oregon Clean Fuels Program: Program Review. Department of Environmental Quality. February 2022. Page 24.

³ Ibid, at page 13

⁴ Bates White: Economic Consulting. Low Carbon Fuel Standards Market Impacts and Evidence for Retail Fuel Price Effects. April 2022. Page 25.