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Chairman Patten, and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, I am Reice Haase, the Director of the Department of Water Resources. I'm here today to provide testimony in support Senate Bill 2188.

This bill adds the Department of Water Resources Director, or designee, as a technical advisor to the Clean Sustainable Energy Authority.

The Clean Sustainable Energy Authority plays a critical role in advancing research, development, and technological innovations to support large-scale energy projects. By fostering partnerships and providing financial support, the Authority promotes projects, processes, and technologies that reduce environmental impacts and enhance the sustainability of energy production and delivery.

Water is a critical resource in many energy projects, whether for cooling, processing, or other operational needs. Adding the Department of Water Resources as a technical advisor would bring valuable expertise on water availability, management, and sustainability, helping the Authority make well-informed decisions.

Thank you for your time and the chance to testify. I'm happy to answer any questions you might have