

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1021
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1021, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to make improvements to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) by:

- (1) Increasing the salary of the chairperson of the PUC from 87 percent of the salary of the Director of Human Resources Development to 100 percent of the salary of the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs;
- (2) Authorizing the chairperson of the PUC to appoint utility analysts and legal assistants exempt from the civil service law;
- (3) Authorizing the PUC to suspend collection of public utility fees from public utilities that do not pay the flat rate of \$30 instead of refunding the excess, upon collection of \$3,000,000 in the PUC Special Fund; and
- (4) Appropriating funds for the PUC to reorganize.

The PUC, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Maui Electric Company, Ltd., Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc., Life of the Land, Rocky Mountain Institute, Hawaii Energy Policy Forum,

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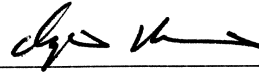
PowerLight Corporation, and Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance testified in support of this bill. The Consumer Advocate offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1021, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1021, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-third Legislature

HSCR 861

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1021 HD1	Date: 2-28-06			
Committee Referral: EEP, FIN	<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (C)	✓			
2. KAWAKAMI, Bertha C. (VC)	✓			
3. CARROLL, Mele	✓			
4. CHONG, Pono	✓			
5. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
6. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
7. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	✓			
8. NAKASONE, Bob	✓			
9. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
10. TANAKA, Kameo	✓			
11. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
12. WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
13. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
15. MEYER, Colleen Rose				✓
16. MOSES, Mark S.	✓			
17. PINE, Kymberly	✓			
18. STEVENS, Anne V.				✓
TOTAL	16			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Bertha C. Kawakami				
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