

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 15, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2848
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2848 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to implement the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum's (HEPF) final report, "Hawaii at the Crossroads: A Long Term Energy Strategy," by appropriating \$200,000 to reconvene the HEPF for further discussion.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT), County of Kauai, HEPF, Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Maui Electric Company, Inc., Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc., PowerLight Corporation, and The Gas Company testified in support of this bill. Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning, LLC, supported the intent of this bill. The Consumer Advocate provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the expending agency from the University of Hawaii to DBEDT;
- (2) Requiring HEPF to report on its detailed action plan and timeline to the Legislature prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and



- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2848, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2848, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,



HERMINA MORITA, Chair



