

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1888
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Business and Economic Development and Energy, Environment, and International Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1888, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote international cooperation and Hawaii's role in the development of renewable energy resources by requiring the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to:

- (1) Work with the global community to initiate, develop, and exchange research and technology on renewable energy resources;
- (2) Coordinate the State's involvement in national and international efforts to promote, investigate, and develop the use of renewable energy resources; and
- (3) Promote the State as an active participant and leader in renewable energy development and research in the Pacific Basin region.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and a member from the Hawaii State House of Representatives.



Today's global society presents abundant opportunities for information and technology exchange, and research development and dissemination. Many international agencies, universities, and organizations have successfully developed frameworks for international cooperation and information exchange. The International Energy Agency, for example, is a forum consisting of twenty-six countries that share with each other energy information, coordinate energy policies, and cooperate in the development of rational energy programs. Currently, Hawaii is not a participant of any similar types of international exchange agreements and does not have a framework for an international exchange of information, research, and technology on renewable energy resources. Your Committees find that it is in the State's best interests to actively participate in these types of global networks and establish its own networks.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date of this measure from July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2006; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes to correctly reflect the style and language of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Business and Economic Development and Energy, Environment, and International Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1888, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1888, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Business and
Economic Development and
Energy, Environment, and
International Affairs,



J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair



WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
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Record of Votes of the
Committee on Energy, Environment and International Affairs
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* HB 1888 HD1 (HSCR710-06)	Committee Referral: BED/EIA, WAM	Date: March 20, 2006		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (C)	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (VC)	/			
HANABUSA, Colleen				/
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Russell S. Kobl</i>				
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*Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.