

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2848  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Environment, and International  
Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2848, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to meet Hawaii's energy goals  
by appropriating \$200,000 to reconvene the Hawaii Energy Policy  
Forum to implement the vision, concepts, and recommendations  
contained in its final report, "Hawaii at the Crossroads: A Long  
Term Energy Strategy."

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism,  
the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, County of Kauai Energy Extension  
Service of the Office of Economic Development, the Hawaii Energy  
Policy Forum, the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii, the  
Rocky Mountain Institute, Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning LLC,  
Haiku Design & Analysis, Hawaiian Electric Company Inc., the  
Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance, The Gas Company, the Hawaii  
Association of Realtors, and Power Light Solar Electric Systems  
submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Department of  
Commerce and Consumer Affairs submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that the appropriation in this measure  
will enable the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum to reconvene for the  
purpose of developing an action plan and timeline to implement the  
vision, concepts, and recommendations of the summit's final  
report. This will provide a unique opportunity for stakeholders



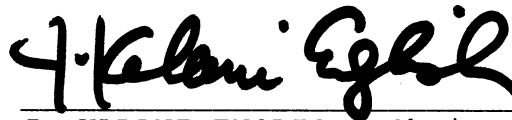
to continue their work and for further engagement of policy-makers, decision-makers, and consumers on issues relevant to Hawaii's preferred energy future.

Upon further consideration, your Committee amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding language to section 2 to clarify that the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum is administered by the Social Science Public Policy Center of the University of Hawaii at Manoa;
- (2) Deleting the appropriation amount; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2006.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Environment, and International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2848, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2848, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy,  
Environment, and International  
Affairs,



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J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair



