STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2577

Honolulu, Hawaii

FCB 17

, 2006

RE:

S.B. No. 3186

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 S.B. No. 3186 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to reconvene the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum to develop an action plan, timeline, and benchmarks, and to further engage Hawaii's leaders and stakeholders in implementing the Forum's visions, concepts, and recommendations for Hawaii's preferred energy future.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum, the Rocky Mountain Institute, Hawaii Association of Realtors, The Gas Company, Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning LLC, Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance, the Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Hawaii Solar Energy Association, and PowerLight Solar Electric Systems submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs submitted comments.

In December 2003, the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum convened a policy summit to provide a community-based forum for review of its work and recommendations. The final report of the summit, "Hawaii at the Crossroads: A Long Term Energy Strategy," sets forth recommended guiding principles and policy options to meet Hawaii's long-term energy needs.

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 policymakers, decision-makers, and consumers on issues relevant to Hawaii's preferred energy future.

Upon further consideration, your Committee amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the expending agency to the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; and
- (2) Making technical, non-substantive amendments for clarity and style.

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 S.B. No. 3186, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3186, 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,

J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy, Environment and International Affairs (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:	Committee Referral:			Date:		
SB 3186	EIA, WAM			February 16, 2006		
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.						
If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is to:						
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