

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1481

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1005
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1005, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve the ability of the Public Utilities Commission to improve its operations and more effectively carry out its statutory duties.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires the Public Utilities Commission to restructure its operations according to its December 2006, report to the Legislature;
- (2) Appropriates funds to meet costs associated with restructuring; and
- (3) Authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to consider increased renewable energy use in exercising its authority.

Your Committee received comments in support of this measure from the Public Utilities Commission; the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum; and Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. The Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs submitted comments on this measure.

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Your Committee finds that there is a need for the Public Utilities Commission to function more effectively and efficiently to keep up with changing regulatory conditions, duties, requirements, and advances in technology.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, non-substantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1005, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1005, H.D. 2, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1005 HD2	CPH, WAM	3/28/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<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	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado				/
MENOR, Ron				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.				/
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul				/
TOTAL	7	0	0	4
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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