

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

759

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2007

RE: S.B. No. 992
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 Energy and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 992 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) to post on the department's website, a current list of applications for permits and licenses for hydroelectric projects in and around Hawaii waters.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from DBEDT, World Business Academy, Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning, LLC, and two individuals.

Under title 16, United States Code, section 797(f), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is required to provide notice of any preliminary permit applications for hydroelectric projects to any state or municipality likely to be affected by the application, and to publish notice once each week for four weeks in a daily or weekly newspaper published in any county the project is likely to affect. A preliminary permit is for the sole purpose of maintaining priority of application for a license and can last for up to three years (title 16, United States Code, section 798).

Your Committee finds that applications for development-related permits generally come to the public's attention by word-



of-mouth. The intent of this measure is to provide additional public notice of the intent to develop renewable energy projects.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 992, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 992, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

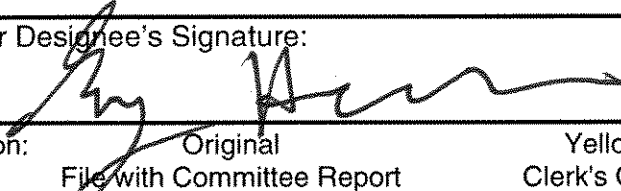


RON MENOR, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 992	Committee Referral: ENE	Date: 2/27/07		
<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
MENOR, Ron (C)	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L. (VC)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	✓			
TRIMBLE, Gordon	✓			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes