

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 29, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2505
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2505, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect Hawaii's economic, environmental, and energy security through increased efficiency in the permitting of renewable energy projects by:

- (1) Establishing a renewable energy facilitator position in the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT); and
- (2) Appropriating funds for this position.

The Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance and Castle and Cooke Hawaii testified in support of this bill. DBEDT and Life of the Land commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

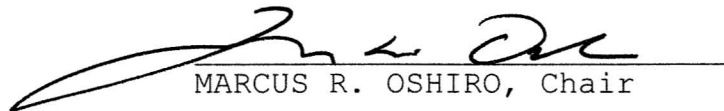
- (1) Changing the appropriation for the position from \$112,904 to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and



- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2505, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2505, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



