

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 15, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2550  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2550 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage the adoption of eligible renewable energy technologies by raising the net energy metering limits.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Increases the total rated generating capacity produced by eligible customer-generators as a percentage of an electric utility's system peak demand;
- (2) Increases the maximum capacity of an eligible customer-generator; and
- (3) Requires the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules that incorporate best practices interconnection standards for renewable energy generating facilities.

Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its substance; and



- (2) Requiring the Public Utilities Commission to ensure that a percentage of the total rated generating capacity produced by the eligible customer-generators be reserved for electricity produced by eligible residential or small commercial customer-generators.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2550, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2550, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy &  
Environmental Protection,

*Hermina Morita*

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HERMINA MORITA, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB2550		Committee Referral: EEP, CPC		Date: 2/14/08	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
EEP Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MORITA, Hermina M. (C)		/			
2. CARROLL, Mele (VC)					/
3. ITO, Ken		/			
4. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki		/			
5. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.		/			
6. SAGUM, Roland D., III		/			
7. SAIKI, Scott K.					/
8. THIELEN, Cynthia		/			
TOTAL (8)		6	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ JRK					
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