

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 28, 2008

RE: H.R. No. 198
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.R. No. 198 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE USE OF TAX INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to protect Hawaii's fragile environment and promote the use of alternative energy by supporting the use of tax incentives to encourage the use of alternative energy sources.

Two concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language stipulating that tax incentives can be used to increase the use of renewable energy resources and what these tax incentives can be used for;
- (2) Deleting language specifying what types of alternative energy sources exist and what processes may be used to harness energy from these alternative sources;
- (3) Inserting language stating that federal wind and solar tax incentives are set to expire on December 31, 2008;



- (4) Inserting language stating that the Legislature supports the continuation of the federal wind and solar tax credits for a period of at least five years;
- (5) Amending the list of individuals to whom certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted; and
- (6) Amending its title to read: "SUPPORTING FEDERAL TAX INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES."

Other technical, nonsubstantive amendments were made for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 198, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 198, H.D. 1.

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

for: Mele Canole
HERMINA MORITA, Chair



