

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1074

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1289
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 Energy and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1289, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that the tax incentive created to promote the installation of renewable energy technology systems in Hawaii serves the intended goal of reducing Hawaii's dependence on fossil fuels.

This measure attempts to accomplish this goal by requiring that the renewable energy technology systems tax credit may only be claimed for systems that are installed in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance and the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum. The Department of Taxation submitted testimony in support of the intent of this measure. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that the original intent and purpose of the renewable energy technology systems tax credit was to protect Hawaii's environmental resources and to foster the State's independence from fossil fuels.

Your Committee amended this measure by adopting the Department of Taxation's recommendation to include the amendments

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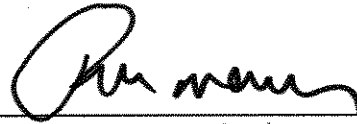


made in S.B. No. 1222, S.D. 3, for clarification and which accomplishes the same goal as this measure.

Your Committee amended this measure by making technical, non-substantive changes for the purposes of consistency 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 H.B. No. 1289, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1289, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

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

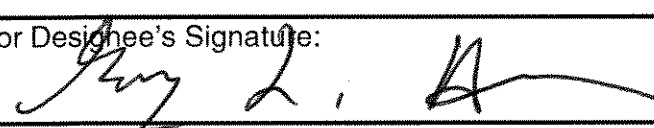


RON MENOR, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1289 HD2	ENE, EDT, WAM	3/15/07		
<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	3			2
Recommendation:				
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