

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2862
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Energy and Environment and Commerce,
Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing, to which was referred
H.B. No. 2862, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve the permitting
process required for the development of a wind energy project that
would use an undersea cable to transmit electricity between
islands.

Specifically, this measure establishes a coordinated
permitting process under the Department of Business, Economic
Development, and Tourism for the approval of the permits required
for an interisland wind energy and undersea cable project.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by UPC
Wind Management, LLC. Testimony in opposition to this measure was
submitted by Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance; Life of the Land;
and one private citizen. Comments were submitted by the Director
of Health; Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
and; Castle & Cooke Hawaii.

Your Committees find that the coordinated permitting process
must not neglect due process, and encourage further discussion and
review related to due process related concerns.

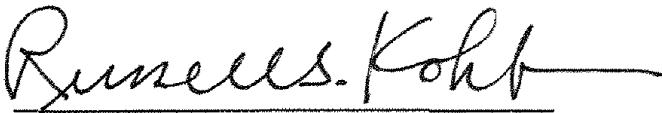


Your Committees further find that there is a need to streamline the permitting process to provide predictability and to encourage private companies to commit substantial amounts of capital, time, and effort necessary to develop renewable energy projects.

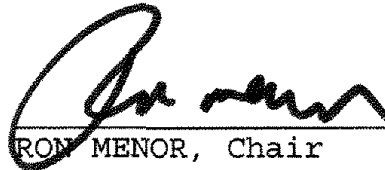
Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy and Environment and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2862, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2862, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy and
Environment and Commerce,
Consumer Protection, and
Affordable Housing,



RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair

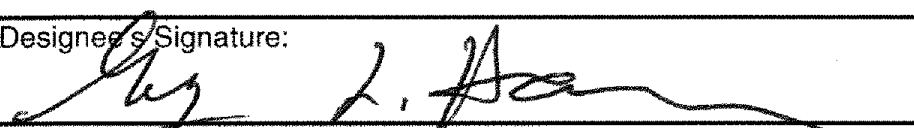


RON MENOR, Chair



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MENOR, Ron (C)	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L. (VC)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	✓			
TRIMBLE, Gordon	✓			
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KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)	✓			
IGE, David Y. (VC)				✓
ESPERO, Will				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les		✓		
SAKAMOTO, Norman				✓
TANIGUCHI, BRIAN T.	✓			
TRIMBLE, Gordon	✓			
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