

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2623

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2623 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to broaden the application of the State's renewable energy technologies income tax credit to include solar electric energy systems and solar thermal energy systems as qualifying for the tax credit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Energy Policy Forum; and Sopogy, Inc. Comments were received from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this measure serves to reduce Hawaii's dependence on fossil fuels. The intent of this measure is to promote energy conservation and alternative energy production by expanding the type of solar energy systems that qualify for the tax credit.

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 S.B. No. 2623 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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,



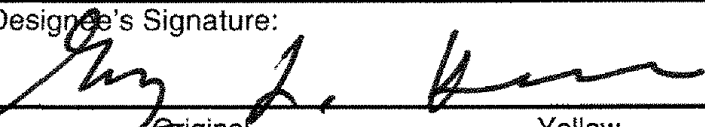
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RON MENOR, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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**Committee on Energy and Environment**  
**ENE**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2623</b>	Committee Referral: <b>ENE, EOT, WAM</b>	Date: <b>1/31/08</b>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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