

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2822

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 29 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2986  
S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2986, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REFUNDABLE RENEWABLE ENERGY TAX CREDIT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow certain residential taxpayers to claim a refund for the renewable energy technologies income tax credit.

More specifically, this measure allows a taxpayer whose income consists solely of pension benefits or has an adjusted gross income of \$20,000 or less (or \$40,000 or less in the case of married couples filing jointly), to qualify for a refundable tax credit for the purchase and installation of a renewable energy technology system, including solar water heating, photovoltaic, and wind systems.

Testimony in support of the measure was received from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, the Department of Taxation, the Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., and the Hawaii Solar Energy Association. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that this measure encourages and supports the use of renewable energy and provides Hawaii residents who are pensioners or have limited incomes the opportunity they would not otherwise have to utilize renewable energy technologies.

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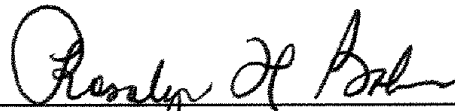


Your Committee has amended the measure by:

- (1) Changing the taxpayer's qualifying adjusted gross income limit to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the measure's effective date to July 1, 2050 to facilitate continued discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of style and clarity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2986, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2986, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312   
  Pass, with amendments 2311   
  Hold 2310   
  Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Recommendation:      Adopted      Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

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