

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 853

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Economic Development and Taxation and
Energy and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 853
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY
OF HAWAII AUTHORITY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to direct the:

- (1) Auditor to conduct a financial and management audit of
the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority's
(NELHA) deep sea water pumping system, and consider the
establishment of a reasonable rate structure; and
- (2) NELHA to freeze the rates for pumped seawater until the
audit is complete.

Testimony in support of this measure, with amendments, was
received from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The Natural Energy
Laboratory of Hawaii Authority submitted comments.

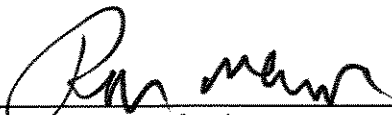
Your Committees understand that this audit would address
concerns raised by NELHA tenants. As such, it would provide an
important gauge in verifying and confirming costs, which would
benefit both NELHA and its tenants.



It is the intent of your Committees to support this audit as a means of assisting NELHA in moving beyond divisive issues with tenants, and moving forward with its important work.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development and Taxation and Energy and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 853 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Economic
Development and Taxation and
Energy and Environment,



RON MENOR, Chair




CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Energy and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 853	Committee Referral: EOT/ENE, WAM	Date: 2-15-07		
<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 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				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes