

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2009

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 295

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 295, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

G.M. No. 295      PETER H. COOPER,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2010,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee, and finds Peter H. Cooper to have the necessary qualifications to be appointed to the Environmental Council.

Testimony in support of Mr. Cooper's nomination was submitted by four private organizations and five individuals. Written testimony presented to your Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Mr. Cooper holds a Bachelor of Business Arts degree, with dual majors in Real Estate and Finance, from the University of Hawaii School of Business. He is the Chief Operating Officer of Sun Power Hawaii LLC, which designs, installs, and finances photovoltaic systems within the State of Hawaii. He is also the President of Cooper & Cooper, LLC, which develops personal portfolio properties, as well as partners with investors throughout the State. In this capacity, Mr. Cooper provides development management and project management through all phases of real estate projects. Through his sixteen years of experience with the development-construction industry, Mr. Cooper has gained

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experience in all aspects of project management and development, including due diligence, plan review, contract negotiation, permit processing, master scheduling, and project management. His insight into the real estate development process will provide the Council with a unique perspective in how the environmental disclosure process can be improved and objectively applied in a balanced and comprehensive manner.

Mr. Cooper is also a strong advocate for sustainability. He is a member of the Sustainability Committee and is a past president of the Hawaii Developers' Council. He and other members of the Hawaii Developers' Council helped to establish the HDC Green Awards, which recognize the achievements in energy efficient design for commercial and residential real estate development projects in Hawaii. Mr. Cooper is also on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties - Hawaii Chapter. He is also working with the Malama Learning Center, an organization committed to bringing students, teachers, residents, and businesses together where they can learn about sustainable environments via art, science, conservation, and culture.

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, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

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



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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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**Committee on Energy and Environment**  
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**Advise and Consent**

Governor's Message No.:* <i>GM 295</i>	Committee Referral: ENE	Date: <i>2/26/09</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh				✓
HOOSER, Gary L.	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>5</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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