

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1230

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1270  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1270, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to de-link the rate for non-fossil fuel generated energy from the price of fossil fuels.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii Energy Policy Forum, Hawaiian Electric Company, Sun Power Systems Corporation, Alexander & Baldwin, Dowling Company, Inc., Blue Planet Foundation, and the Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter. Testimony with comments on this measure was received from the Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that this measure will encourage renewable energy development in this State by stimulating demand for renewable energy through lowering its cost. Your Committee further finds that this measure will assist the State in achieving its goal of increased energy self-sufficiency.

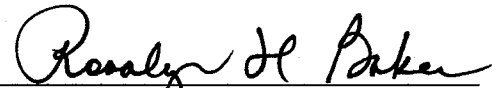
Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purpose of clarity and accuracy in its language.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1270, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1270, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



