

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 71

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1464
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and
Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 1464 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to clarify provisions of Act 204,
Session Laws of Hawaii 2008 by:

- (1) Specifying that building permits for new single-family dwellings without a solar water heater system will only be issued if a variance is accepted by the Energy Resources Coordinator (Coordinator);
- (2) Requiring the Coordinator to publicize all variance applications and the resulting dispositions;
- (3) Amending the provisions for claiming a State tax credit; and
- (4) Specifying that the Public Utilities Commission may contract with the Public Benefits Fee Administrator to develop standards for solar water heater systems.



The Gas Company and Sierra Club-Hawaii Chapter, testified in support of this bill. The Department of Taxation, Hawaiian Electric Company, Hawaii Electric Light Company, and Maui Electric Company supported the intent of the measure. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Tax Foundation of Hawaii, Hawaii Solar Energy Association, and Blue Planet Foundation provided comments.

Upon consideration, your Committees have amended this bill by:

- (1) Including a section that allows individual counties to enact more aggressive ordinances; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1464, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1464, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy &
Environmental Protection and
Housing,



RIDA CABANILLA, Chair



HERMINA MORITA, Chair

Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1464	Committee Referral: EEP/HSG, CPC, FIN	Date: 2-5-09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MORITA, Hermina M. (C)	✓			
2. COFFMAN, Denny (VC)	✓			
3. CABANILLA, Rida				✓
4. CHANG, Jerry L.	.	✓		
5. CHONG, Pono	✓			
6. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
7. HERKES, Robert N.	✓			
8. ITO, Ken	✓			
9. LEE, Chris	✓			
10. LUKE, Sylvia	✓			
11. SAGUM, Roland D., III	✓			
12. CHING, Corinne W.L.	✓			
13. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
TOTAL (13)	11	1		1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Denny Coffman</i></u>				
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