

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 628

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 24, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1475

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and  
Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1475 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES  
COMMISSION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve government  
transparency by requiring the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to  
post notifications of regulatory proceedings on its web site.

This bill also amends the deadline for filing motions to  
intervene or participate in certain PUC proceedings to a time  
frame after notice of initiation of the proceeding is posted on  
PUC's web site.

Life of the Land testified in support of this bill. The  
Hawaii Energy Policy Forum supported the intent of this measure.  
PUC and the Consumer Advocate provided comments.

This bill attempts to improve the means by which PUC notifies  
the general public of the initiation of regulatory proceedings so  
that interested stakeholders are afforded a reasonable opportunity  
to intervene and participate in matters that affect them. While  
PUC has stated it is finalizing an online Docket Management System  
that would meet the requirements of this bill, your Committees are  
moving this bill along for further discussion and to maximize the  
available options for improving public notice in this area.

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As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1475 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce and  
Judiciary,

  
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JDN RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair

  
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ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair





