

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1455

Honolulu, Hawaii

Apr 13, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1065
S.D. 2
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 Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 1065, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to exempt the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) from regulation by the Public Utilities Commission for the sale or provision of renewable energy to users located on adjacent property leased from the State, except where connection to the electrical grid is necessary to transmit electricity to the user.

The Consumer Advocate supported the intent of this bill.

Your Committee finds that this measure will facilitate and promote the use of renewable energy while ensuring that NELHA remains subject to safety and performance standards that apply to transmissions of energy through the electrical grid.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1065, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



