

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1185

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 25, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 868
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. 868, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify and coordinate the responsibilities of various state agencies in the development of the State's energy resources in order to increase the use of indigenous renewable sources of energy and reduce the State's dependence on imported oil.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Blue Planet Foundation, Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance, and Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning, LLC.

Your Committee finds that while various state agencies retain certain duties and responsibilities with regard to matters relating to energy resources, the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, through the energy resources coordinator, is responsible for developing and ensuring the achievement of the State's energy policies, programs, and plans. This measure clarifies the responsibility of the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism who serves as the state energy resources coordinator, to develop and maintain a comprehensive and systematic quantitative and


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qualitative capacity to analyze the status of energy resources, systems, and markets and to recommend and develop proposals to ensure the effectiveness of state policy and regulatory decisions.

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. 868, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



