

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 26, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2238

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 2238 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to clarify Hawaii's Renewable Portfolio Standards law by including customer-sited, grid-connected renewable energy generation in the definition of "renewable electrical energy" beginning January 1, 2015.

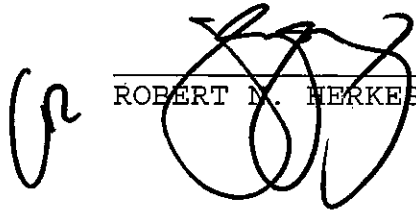
The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Public Utilities Commission, Hawaiian Electric Company, Maui Electric Company, Hawaii Electric Light Company, Hawaii Solar Energy Association, and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. Blue Planet Foundation and Island Pacific Energy LLC opposed this measure.

Your Committee finds that this clarification will encourage electric utilities to facilitate the integration of customer-sited, grid-connected renewable energy systems into the utility 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 H.B. No. 2238 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



ROBERT M. HERKES, Chair



