

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

519

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 20, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 279
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 Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 279, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to support the renewable energy industry in Hawaii by:

- (1) Establishing a Renewable Energy Branch of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) to coordinate and promote renewable energy initiatives;
- (2) Strengthening laws supporting energy diversification, renewable energy resource development, and indigenous energy resource development; and
- (3) Providing adequate resources to DBEDT.

DBEDT testified in support of this measure. Blue Planet Foundation supported this bill with amendments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 279, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB279 HD1 HSCR EEP HMS 2009-2269



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,

Hermina Morita

HERMINA MORITA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 279, HD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EEP, FIN</i>	Date: <i>2-17-09</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)	7	0	0	6
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Denny Coffman</i>				
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