

Honolulu, Hawaii

Ag-11, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2809  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2809, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UTILITIES REGULATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the effective regulation of public utilities by:

- (1) Appropriating funds sufficient for the operations and staffing of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and the Division of Consumer Advocacy (Consumer Advocate) of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs;
- (2) Requiring other state and county agencies to assist PUC and the Consumer Advocate to accomplish the objectives of PUC and the Consumer Advocate and to complete the reorganization that was begun by Acts 177 and 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007; and
- (3) Requiring the Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) to work cooperatively with PUC and the Consumer Advocate to establish and amend job descriptions in a timely manner.

The Consumer Advocate; PUC; Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.; Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc.; Maui Electric Company, Ltd.;

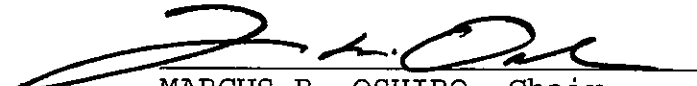
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Hawaii Energy Policy Forum; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Blue Planet Foundation; and Hawaii Transportation Association testified in support of this bill. DHRD offered comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2809, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,

  
MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



