

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

527

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2011

RE: S.B. No. 1346  
S.D. 2

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 1346, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of "renewable electrical energy" to include, beginning January 1, 2015, net electricity delivered from customer-sited, grid-connected renewable energy generation. The intent of this measure is to clarify how customer-sited, grid-connected renewable energy generation will be treated starting in 2015, when electrical energy savings will no longer count toward a utility's renewable portfolio standards.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee heard testimony in support of restoring the original language of this measure to allow for the inclusion of all renewable energy providers in the renewable portfolio standards calculations. Your Committee finds that by allowing for the inclusion of all renewable energy providers in the renewable portfolio standards calculations, utilities will have a greater incentive to support and encourage customer-sited, grid-connected renewable energy generation.

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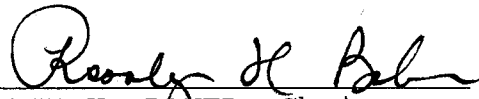


Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Expanding the definition of "renewable electrical energy" to include, beginning January 1, 2015, customer-sited, grid-connected renewal energy generation by all renewable energy providers, rather than by only net electricity providers; and
- (2) Making this measure effective upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1346, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1346, S.D. 2.

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

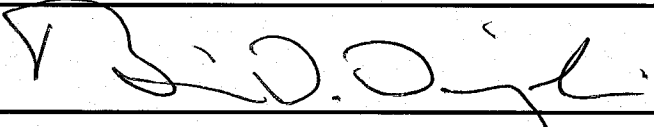


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**  
**CPN**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1346, SD1	ENE, CPN	2-24-11		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SOLOMON, Malama				✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	0	0	3
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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