

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

119

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2011

RE: S.B. No. 704  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 704 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exempt third party owners and operators of solar energy facilities and equipment located on a customer's property from the definition of public utility thereby simplifying the processes by which solar energy can be used by the customer and sold to the utility.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Mark Duda, Hawaii Solar Energy Association; The Solar Alliance; Warren Bollmeier, Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance; and Sanjay Ranchod, SolarCity. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Carlito P. Caliboso, Public Utilities Commission.

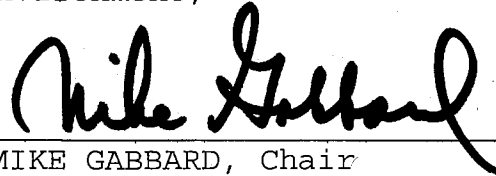
Your Committee finds that the exemption from regulation as a public utility under this measure will promote the use of solar energy by more Hawaii residents and lessen Hawaii's overall dependence on fossil fuels.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 704, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 704, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy and  
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Energy and Environment**  
**ENE**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 704</b>	Committee Referral: <b>ENE, CPN</b>	Date: <b>1 Feb 2011</b>		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)	/			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les				/
SLOM, Sam	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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