

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1726
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1726, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to continue to provide monies for the development of an integrated approach to and portfolio management of renewable energy and energy efficiency technology projects, by extending the repeal date of the energy systems development special fund to June 30, 2015.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Public Utilities Commission; and Hawai'i Natural Energy Institute.

Your Committee finds that energy efficiency technology projects position Hawaii as a leader in clean energy in the Pacific. The projects supported by the energy systems development special fund include the Oahu Wind Integration Study, Japan-Hawaii smart-grid demonstration, and discussions with Korea regarding smart-grid technology. These projects contribute to renewable energy development and Hawaii's economy as a whole.

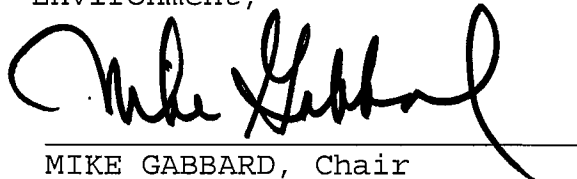
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Clarifying in the purpose section that this measure also extends the repeal date of the periodic evaluation and plan of action requirements for the energy systems development special fund, which were enacted by Act 253, Session Laws of 2007;
- (2) Changing the effective date to June 29, 2012; and
- (3) 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 H.B. No. 1726, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1726, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

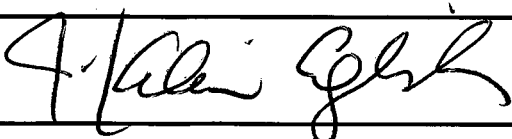


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1726 HD1	ENE, WAM	15 March 2012		
<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				✓
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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