

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3254

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2644
H.D. 2
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2644, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure are to provide statutory guidance on the objectives of the Public Utilities Commission.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Requires the Public Utilities Commission to implement utility and regulatory best practices in its activities;
- (2) Appropriates funds to enable the Public Utilities Commission to determine and implement utility and regulatory best practices, including hiring consultants; and
- (2) Provides the Public Utilities Commission with the authority to authorize preferential water carrier service rates by tariff for ratepayers engaged in agricultural activities.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Public Utilities Commission.

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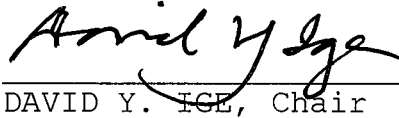
Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that requiring the Public Utilities Commission to implement utility and regulatory best practices will increase transparency and efficiency of commission activities and help to ensure that the Commission effectively guides the State in matters involving utilities.

Your Committee also finds that allowing the Public Utilities Commission to authorize preferential water carrier service rates for ratepayers engaged in agricultural activities will help to ensure that Hawaii's farmers remain competitive and self-sustaining.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2644, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KAHELE, Gilbert	/			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	/			
RYAN, Pohai	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam		/		
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Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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