

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

194

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 10, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 982

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 982 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the use of renewable energy sources to generate electrical energy.

More specifically, this measure includes customer-sited, grid connected renewable energy generation in the definition of the term "renewable electrical energy" beginning January 1, 2015.

Testimony in support of the measure was submitted by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, the Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance, the Hawaiian Electric Company and its subsidiaries, and the Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter. Testimony in opposition of the measure was submitted by the Hawaii Solar Energy Association. The Public Utilities Commission submitted comments on the measure.

Your Committee finds that including customer-sited, grid-connected renewable energy generation in the definition of "renewable electrical energy" will reduce the State's reliance on imported fuel by encouraging and facilitating the use of renewable energy from various sources. Your Committee further finds that this measure clarifies that all customer-sited, grid-connected



renewable energy generation will count towards the renewable portfolio standards of an electric utility.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 982 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,

Denny Coffman Vice Chair
for

HERMINA MORITA, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 982	Committee Referral: EEP, CPC	Date: 2-8-11		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MORITA, Hermina M. (C)				X
2. COFFMAN, Denny (VC)	X			
3. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				X
4. CARROLL, Mele				X
5. CHANG, Jerry L.	X			
6. CHONG, Pono	X			
7. HAR, Sharon E.				X
8. HERKES, Robert N.	X			X
9. ITO, Ken				X
10. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	X			
11. RIVIERE, Gil	X			
12. THIELEN, Cynthia	X			
TOTAL (12)	7			5
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. _____ committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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