

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

520

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2011

RE: S.B. No. 199
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. 199, S.D. 1, 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 increase the net metering system size cap to two megawatts and to ensure that existing net metering contracts may be maintained even with the introduction of new distributed generation energy procurement programs.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Public Utilities Commission, Kauai Island Utility Cooperative, and Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.

Your Committee finds that ensuring that existing net metering contracts may be maintained even with the introduction of new distributed generation energy procurement programs protects the consumers who have entered into these contracts and is not a detriment to the electric utilities. Your Committee further finds that, with regard to increasing the net metering system size cap to two megawatts, the Public Utilities Commission is working collaboratively with the stakeholders to increase these limits and that legislation is unnecessary at this juncture.

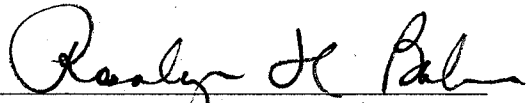
Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Deleting section 2, which would have raised the system size limit for net energy metered systems to two megawatts;
- (2) Amending the purpose section accordingly; 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 Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 199, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 199, S.D. 2.

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

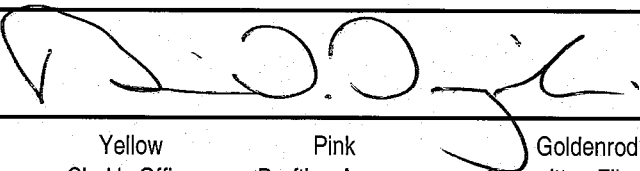


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 199, SDI	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				✓
TOTAL	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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