

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2019

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2287

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 S.B. No. 2287 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 ensure that existing net energy metering contracts may be maintained even if the Public Utilities Commission establishes alternative mechanisms for crediting or otherwise compensating eligible customer-generators for exported power.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii Solar Energy Association, Blue Planet Foundation, Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Public Utilities Commission and the Division of Consumer Advocacy.

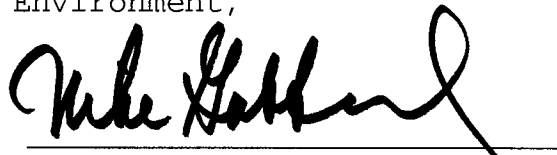
Your Committee finds that net energy metering makes it possible for Hawaii's homeowners and business owners to invest in renewable energy systems that offset their own energy consumption, thereby reducing costs for those homeowners and business owners. According to testimony, net energy metering, in conjunction with Hawaii's renewable income tax credit, has helped Hawaii achieve the second highest rate of per capita solar photovoltaic energy system installation among the fifty states. Your Committee finds that this measure allows for the continuation of a practice that encourages individuals and businesses to take advantage of renewable energy and advances the State's progress toward greater renewable energy use.

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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. 2287 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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

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**Committee on Energy and Environment**  
**ENE**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2287</b>	Committee Referral: <b>ENE, CPN</b>	Date: <b>1/31/12</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 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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)				✓
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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