

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2678

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2966
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 2966, 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 maximum allowable customer-generator capacity for net energy metering systems to two megawatts if the generating facility is sited on property owned or controlled by the State of Hawaii, or one megawatt for all other systems.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Chapter of the Sierra Club, Blue Planet Foundation, and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Public Utilities Commission, and Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.

Your Committee appreciates the fact that the Public Utilities Commission has undertaken docketed proceedings to address issues and circumstances that may impact net metering considerations. It is your Committee's intent for this measure to be an incentive for the Public Utilities Commission to continue its work to ensure adequate electric system reliability.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2013; provided that the measure shall be repealed if the Public Utilities Commission issues an order or

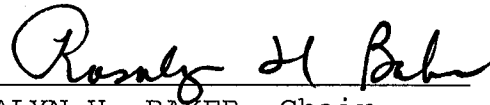
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decision prior to July 1, 2013, pursuant to docket 2007-0176 or 2011-0206, which relate to the implementation of the intragovernmental wheeling of electricity and the reliability standards for certain electric companies, respectively.

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. 2966, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2966, S.D. 2.

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

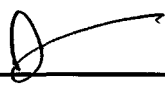


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
CPN

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2966 SDI	Committee Referral: ENE, CPN	Date: 2/29/12		
<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			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes