

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 3003
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 3003, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow geothermal resources exploration and geothermal resources development in all state land use districts and all zones of the conservation district; and
- (2) Repeal the geothermal resource subzone provisions in the state land use law.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Ormat Technologies, Inc. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Environmental Center at the University of Hawaii.

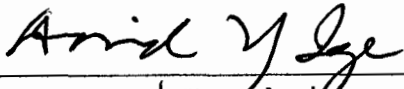
Your Committees find that the cost of electricity in the State of Hawaii exceeds the costs of electricity in every other state. Reducing electricity costs depends in part on diversifying the energy sources within the State. Geothermal energy is a firm source of indigenous, renewable energy that could be made available at low costs.



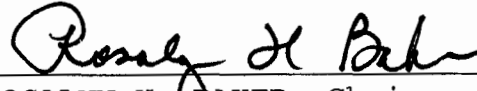
Your Committees note that geothermal energy production has proven to be commercially viable. A private company located in Puna has operated a geothermal energy facility for over a decade. By eliminating geothermal subzone designation requirements, this measure would create a regulatory environment that enables geothermal energy enterprises to thrive, geothermal energy production to expand, and energy costs for consumers to decrease.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Ways and Means that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3003, S.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Commerce and
Consumer Protection and Ways
and Means,



DAVID Y. ISE, Chair



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



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CPN

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 3003 SD1	Committee Referral: ENE/WLH/PGM, CPN/WAM	Date: 3-1-12		
<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 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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SOLOMON, Malama	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	6	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB3003, SD1	Committee Referral: ENE/WLH/PGM, CPN/WAM	Date: 2-28⁹-12		
<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 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	✓			
TOTAL	9	1	0	4
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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