

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3375**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 12 2012

RE: S.C.R. No. 61
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 61, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE BUILDERS AND COUNTIES TO CONSIDER CERTAIN FACTORS THAT WILL FACILITATE INSTALLATION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS DURING THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to encourage single-family residence builders and the counties to consider certain factors that will facilitate installation of photovoltaic systems during the construction and development of single-family residences.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Building Industry Association - Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that a policy mandating the incorporation of design elements to make structures photovoltaic-ready at the time of initial construction could ultimately result in relatively little cost savings depending upon the choices of developers and consumers. In addition, technology advancement could ultimately render obsolete a policy mandating the incorporation of design elements to make structures photovoltaic-ready at the time of initial construction.

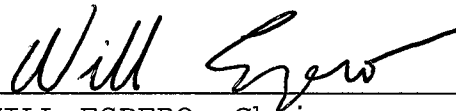
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In lieu of a mandate, your Committee believes that it is important to encourage builders of single-family residences in Hawaii to adopt, whenever practical, design features that would help facilitate the installation of photovoltaic systems on the rooftops of new homes. As the cost of photovoltaic systems decreases, the installation of residential photovoltaic systems may become cost effective and offer new home buyers a practical way of tapping into a clean energy source, thereby reducing the State's reliance on imported oil.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 61, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Government Operations, and
Military Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 61, SD1	Committee Referral: WLH/ENE, PGM	Date: 4-5-12		
<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
ESPERO, Will (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
RYAN, Pohai				/
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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