

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1327

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 2, 2013

RE: H.C.R. No. 211  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 211 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE THAT EXAMINES THE POTENTIAL FOR ADOPTING A CLEAN ENERGY STANDARD BASED UPON LIFECYCLE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Public Utilities Commission to submit a report to the Legislature that examines the potential for:

- (1) Providing renewable energy preferences to certain renewable energy sources that reduce or eliminate the amount of fossil fuel used in the generation of renewable energy;
- (2) Developing a clean energy standard that provides for renewable energy credits to energy producers based upon lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions; and
- (3) Implementing a clean energy standard to replace the current renewable portfolio standard.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Division of Consumer Advocacy and Public Utilities Commission provided comments on this measure.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the reference to the definition of "renewable electrical energy" in Chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Specifying that energy infrastructure planning and energy independence require long-term planning and major capital investment;
- (3) Amending the reporting requirements to request the Public Utilities Commission to evaluate the renewable portfolio standards study required under section 269-95, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and include, among other things, preference for certain renewable energy resources that may have higher capacity value that reduce or eliminate the amount of fossil fuel to mitigate reliability issues;
- (4) Amending its title to read: "REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO EVALUATE IN THE RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARDS STUDY PREFERENCES FOR CERTAIN RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CLEAN ENERGY STANDARD"; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 211, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 211, H.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy &  
Environmental Protection,



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CHRIS LEE, Chair



