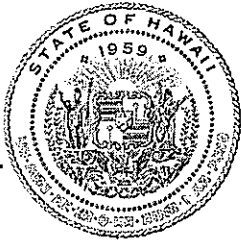


HB 811, HD2

RELATING TO ENERGY INFORMATION REPORTING.

Amends the responsibilities and powers of the Public Utilities Commission in receiving energy industry data information registrations, and authorizes the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to receive such registrations; and eliminates the Commission's powers concerning the oversight and examination of energy distributors in relation to energy industry information reporting under chapter 486J, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Effective January 20, 2050. (HB811 HD2)



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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEES ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HOUSING**

Tuesday, March 19, 2013
3p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

in consideration of
HB 811, HD2
RELATING TO ENERGY INFORMATION REPORTING.

Chairs Gabbard and Dela Cruz, Vice Chairs Ruderman and Slom, and Members of the Committees.

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) supports HB 811, HD2, which includes moving the Energy Industry Information Reporting Act registration process from the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to DBEDT. This measure combines the registration process with the information gathering functions already within DBEDT to improve the efficiency of the Energy Industry Information Reporting Act processes and clarifies the enforcement and investigatory powers of the PUC and DBEDT.

DBEDT defers to the PUC on the specific administration of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of HB 811, HD2.

TESTIMONY OF HERMINA MORITA
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEES ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT
AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & HOUSING

MARCH 19, 2013
3:00 p.m.

MEASURE: H.B. No. 811, H.D. 2
TITLE: Relating to Energy Information Reporting

Chair Gabbard, Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committees:

DESCRIPTION:

This measure proposes to consolidate within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism ("DBEDT") the functions of receiving energy distributor registrations and energy distributor reporting information under Chapter 486J, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), which are currently performed by the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") and DBEDT, respectively. In addition, this bill would remove provisions concerning the Commission's ability to examine energy distributors for energy industry information reporting purposes under HRS Chapter 486J.

POSITION:

The Commission strongly supports this measure and would like to offer the following comments for the Committees' consideration.

COMMENTS:

H.B. No. 811, H.D. 2 will simplify the registration and reporting processes for fuel distributors by providing a "one-stop shop" for businesses to comply with the law. Rather than continuing with a process that leaves open the potential for confusion or duplication, this bill would merge the entire registration and reporting process in HRS Chapter 486J within DBEDT's established energy industry reporting processes and existing database systems.

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This measure does not eliminate or amend sections of the law that ensure the protection of confidential information received by the Commission from energy distributors in the course of the Commission's previous and current energy reporting functions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.