

SCR 28, SD1

Measure Title: REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RELIABILITY STANDARDS WORKING GROUP.

Report Title: Photovoltaic Systems; Net Energy Metering; Interconnection Requirements; Work Group

Description:

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: ENE, CPN

Introducer(s): KEITH-AGARAN, BAKER, ENGLISH, GREEN, IHARA, RUDERMAN, Gabbard, L. Thielen, Wakai

<u>Sort by Date</u>		Status Text
1/31/2013	S	Offered.
2/13/2013	S	Referred to ENE, CPN.
2/21/2013	S	The committee(s) on ENE has scheduled a public hearing on 02-28-13 2:45PM in conference room 225.
2/28/2013	S	The committee(s) on ENE recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in ENE were as follows: 3 Aye(s): Senator(s) Gabbard, Ruderman, Chun Oakland; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 2 Excused: Senator(s) Ihara, Slom.
3/8/2013	S	Reported from ENE (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 853), as amended (SD 1), with recommendation of referral to CPN.
3/8/2013	S	Report adopted, as amended (SD 1) and referred to CPN.
3/21/2013	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 03-27-13 10:00AM in conference room 229.

TESTIMONY OF HERMINA MORITA
CHAIR, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

MARCH 27, 2013
10:00 a.m.

MEASURE: S.C.R. No. 28, S.D. 1

TITLE: Requesting the Public Utilities Commission to Report to the Legislature on the Progress in Implementing the Recommendations of the Reliability Standards Working Group

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

DESCRIPTION:

This resolution requests a report be submitted by the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") to the Legislature prior to the 2014 Regular Session on the progress of the Commission in implementing the recommendations of the Reliability Standards Working Group ("RSWG").

POSITION:

The Commission supports the intent of this measure and would like to offer the following comments.

COMMENTS:

Significant resources have been invested by the Commission, the Consumer Advocate, the State's electric utility companies, and numerous other stakeholders in producing recommendations to increase the penetration of variable generation on the electric grid while maintaining reliability via the RSWG process. As a result of this collaborative effort, modifications to Rule 14H were approved in late 2011 in order to help streamline and improve the ease of the interconnection process.

Through the Commission's docket process, the RSWG, following a thorough review and analysis of the HECO Companies' system and operations, recently completed its work and has produced a number of work products, including recommendations on how to increase distributed generation integration and maintain system reliability. The Commission will review and implement the appropriate portions of the RSWG's work product and recommendations in various Commission proceedings.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on this measure.