

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 1405
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.B. No. 1405 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase transparency in power purchase agreements for renewable energy by requiring the Public Utilities Commission to publish power purchase contracts, in their entirety, on its website.

The Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter, Life of the Land, and the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii provided testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; the Public Utilities Commission; Hawaiian Electric Company and its subsidiary utilities, Maui Electric Company and Hawaiian Electric Light Company; and Blue Planet Foundation provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring instead that the annual report of the Public Utilities Commission include a summary of power purchase agreements in effect during the fiscal year; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1405, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1405, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



CHRIS LEE, Chair



