

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1939
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1939 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CLEAN ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to extend the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiatives Program plans to 2050 and to extend the Renewable Portfolio Standards to include one hundred percent renewable clean energy by 2050.

Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance, Blue Planet Foundation, and Sierra Club of Hawaii testified in support of this measure. The Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Public Utilities Commission; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.; Maui Electric Company; and Hawaii Electric Light Company commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the provisions that extended the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiatives Program plans to 2050 and extended the Renewable Portfolio Standards to include one hundred percent renewable clean energy by 2050;



- (2) Requiring that each electric utility company that sells electricity for consumption in the State develop a renewable portfolio standard goal of one hundred per cent of its net electricity sales;
- (3) Requiring the Public Utilities Commission to investigate and produce a report containing recommendations on the feasibility of updating and extending the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative Program plans and Renewable Portfolio Standards to include benchmarks beyond 2030, including a timeline with incremental goals for reaching a goal of one hundred percent renewable energy; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1939, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1939, 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



