

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3039

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1950

H.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing and Energy and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1950, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEAWATER AIR CONDITIONING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow the production of air conditioning from a seawater air conditioning cooling system within an area or district designated as an enterprise zone to benefit as an "eligible business activity" under the State's enterprise zones program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Ulupono Initiative, and one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation, Tax Foundation of Hawaii, and one individual.


Your Committees find that seawater air conditioning district cooling systems help to reduce the State's dependence on fossil fuels and help its economy. A seawater air conditioning district cooling system can potentially reduce Hawaii's dependence on imported oil, while generating millions of dollars in construction project spending and creating a significant amount of long-term, gainful employment.



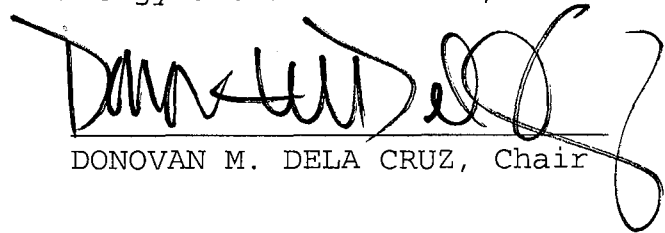
Your Committees have heard testimony expressing concerns about incorporating other clean energy technologies as eligible business activities under the State's enterprise zones program. Your Committees find that this issue raises concerns that merit further discussion and requests that your Committee on Ways and Means further examine those issues and concerns so that Hawaii can reach its energy sustainability goals by 2050.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing and Energy and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1950, H.D. 2, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Economic
Development, Government
Operations and Housing and
Energy and Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair




DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing
EGH

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB1950 HD2	Committee Referral: EGH/ENE, WAM	Date: 3/19/14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
SLOM, Sam (VC)	X			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				X
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				X
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
TOTAL	5	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

