

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 13, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 812

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which  
was referred H.B. No. 812 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 provide the Public  
Utilities Commission with the flexibility to hire personnel  
necessary to meet changing regulatory needs.

The Public Utilities Commission and the Consumer Advocate  
testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee finds that the specific staff position  
descriptions for the Public Utilities Commission were established  
by section 269-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and Act 177, Session  
Laws of Hawaii 2007, in response to a 2004 legislative audit and a  
subsequent study by the Hawai'i Energy Policy Forum. Since the  
passage of those measures, however, the State has adopted  
progressive energy policies that may require the agency to hire  
key personnel that were not contemplated by the earlier  
legislation. Your Committee finds that this measure will provide  
the Public Utilities Commission with the flexibility to adjust its  
staffing as necessary to meet future regulatory challenges.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your  
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to  
this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and

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purpose of H.B. No. 812 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,



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ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



