

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2298

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2664
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Water and Land and Energy and Environment,
to which was referred S.B. No. 2664 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to promote
renewable energy in Hawaii by:

- (1) Providing that all penalties, fees, and costs
established and collected by the Department of Land and
Natural Resources shall be deposited in the special land
and development fund;
- (2) Including geothermal resources within the definition of
a renewable energy producer; and
- (3) Clarifying the permitting procedures for regulators and
renewable energy developers considering geothermal
development.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of
Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Indigenous
Consultants, LLC; and Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Association.

Existing statutes do not classify geothermal resources as
part of the definition of "renewable energy producer". Your
Committees find that adding this designation would provide greater



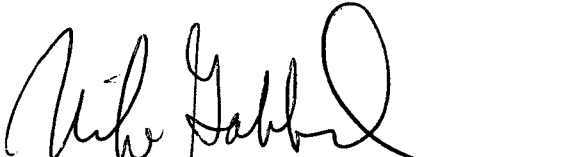
equity between geothermal resources and other renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, hydropower, or biomass. Existing statutes pertaining to the regulation and management of mineral resources need updates to provide clarity and reduce ambiguities. The identification and elimination of conflicts in statutory language and procedures would reduce barriers and eliminate ambiguities that could pose potential delays to geothermal exploration and development and facilitate the disposition and regulation of the use and management of mineral resources. Such clarification and updates will assist the Department of Land and Natural Resources in working toward meeting goals of the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the amendment to the definition of "geothermal resources" on the recommendation of Indigenous Consultants, LLC, which stated in testimony that the existing definition provides for the use of steam or direct agricultural uses such as hot house and aquaponic applications that do not generate electricity or draw out geothermal water or brine; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land and Energy and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2664, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2664, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water and Land
and Energy and Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair




MALAMA SOLOMON, Chair



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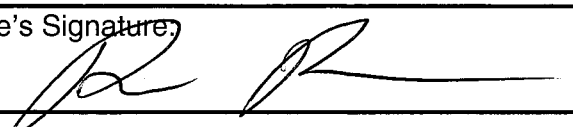
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SOLOMON, Malama (C)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.		✓		
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	6	1		2
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GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)		X		
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				X
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			
SLOM, Sam	X			X
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