

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2134

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 10 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2934
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 Energy and Environment and Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 2934 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the Hawaii community-based renewable energy program to make the benefits of renewable energy more accessible to a greater number of Hawaii residents.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Blue Planet Foundation, Sierra Club of Hawaii, Hawaii Solar Energy Association, Inter-Island Solar Supply, SolarCity, and three individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Public Utilities Commission; and Hawaii Electric Company, Inc.

Your Committees find that localized renewable energy generation has become increasingly attainable for all types of customers over the past several years. However, despite residential solar energy use statewide doubling in 2012, many individuals and households are currently unable to directly participate in renewable energy because of their location, building type, access to the electric utility grid, and other impediments.



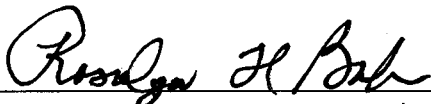
Your Committees further find that creating a community-based renewable energy tariff structure will increase access to renewable generation, however your Committees also caution that this measure may have unintended program design consequences that would require future and untimely statutory amendments resulting in implementation barriers.

Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:

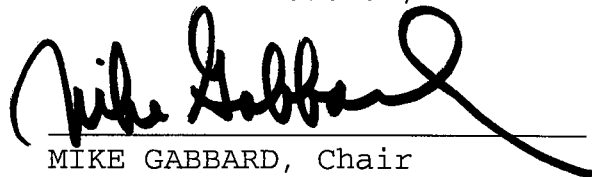
- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting language to allow the Public Utilities Commission to establish community-based renewable energy tariffs on services provided to customers by an electric utility for the purpose of encouraging the widespread adoption of cost-competitive renewable energy technology in the State; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy and Environment and Commerce and Consumer Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2934, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2934, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy and
Environment and Commerce and
Consumer Protection,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				X
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			
SLOM, Sam				X
TOTAL	3			2

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

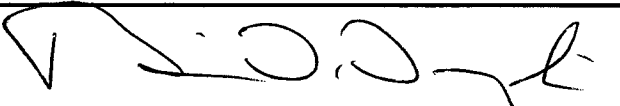
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The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
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