

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3491

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1170  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 1170, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide clarity and consistency in the statutory regulation of geothermal and mineral resources.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Land and Natural Resources; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is responsible for the regulation of geothermal resources in the State. Through the issuance of geothermal resource mining leases and regulatory permits, the Department is tasked to manage the resource and its development to protect the health and safety of the public and ensure the continued viability of geothermal resources for future generations. This measure reaffirms the State's responsibility over geothermal resources on state and reserved lands and provides consistency for geothermal resources among other renewable energy resources, such as wind, solar, hydropower, and biomass.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Adopting language suggested by the Department of Land and Natural Resources that provides clarity between the issuance of surface leases administered under chapter 171, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and the issuance of mining leases administered under chapter 182, HRS; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1170, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1170, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.

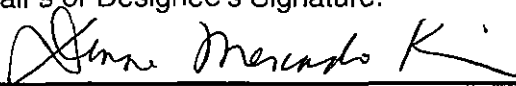
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary and  
Labor,

  
GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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HB 1170 HD2 SDI	TRE/WLA, JDL	3-31-16		
<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 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
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)				/
GABBARD, Mike	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
THIELEN, Laura H.				/
SLOM, Sam	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>3</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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