

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 12, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1504  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1504 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve the energy climate in Hawaii by requiring and funding a study by the Legislative Reference Bureau to identify different public utility models utilized across the United States, identify former for-profit public utilities that have converted to different business models, and assess such conversion processes.

A concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Legislative Reference Bureau submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Narrowing the scope of the study:
  - (A) To examine only specific energy utilities and those deemed appropriate by the Legislative Reference Bureau; and
  - (B) By providing greater detail about what the study should cover, including comparing specific elements of the utilities' organizational models and



reviewing the process employed and issues that arise in converting to a different model;

- (2) Allowing the Legislative Reference Bureau to contract with another entity for services that may be required to conduct the study, without regard to chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (3) Extending the deadline by which the Legislative Reference Bureau must submit a report of its findings to the Legislature to 20 days before the convening of the 2016 Regular Session; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1504, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1504, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy &  
Environmental Protection,



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CHRIS LEE, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 1504</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EEP, CPC, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/10/15</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LEE, Chris (C)	/			
2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (VC)	/			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	/			
4. EVANS, Cindy	/			
5. ING, Kaniela	/			
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	/			
7. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	/			
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
9. POUHA, Feki	/			
10. THIELEN, Cynthia	/			
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Nicole E. Lowen</i></u>				
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