

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 19, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1751

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1751 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand the definition of "renewable energy" to include other resources that replenish themselves at a sufficient rate for sustainable economic extraction in meaningful human time frames.

Hawaii Gas; the Ulupono Initiative; the Molokai Chamber of Commerce; HP Energy; Mele Associates, Inc.; and two concerned individuals supported this measure. The Distributed Energy Resources Council of Hawaii and Life of the Land opposed the measure. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Public Utilities Commission submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by removing the proposed changes to the definition of "renewable energy" and instead amending the definition to include "other self-replenishing non-fossil fuel resources."



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. 1751, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1751, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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


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.: HB 1751	Committee Referral: EEP, CPC	Date: 2-9-16		
<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		/		
TOTAL (10)	9	1	0	0
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: 8pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Nicole E. Lowen</u>				
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