STAND. COM. REP. NO. 397 -16

Honolulu, Hawaii March 4 , 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1851 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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1851 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the eligibility requirements to serve on the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) and allow teleconferencing or videoconferencing for public meetings of the Commission. Specifically, this measure:

- Requires at least one of the three Commissioners of the Commission to be a resident of a county other than the City and County of Honolulu and receive a per diem compensation;
- (2) Allows a Commissioner residing on a Neighbor Island to attend a public hearing of the Commission that is held on Oahu by teleconference or videoconference; and
- (3) Allows a Commissioner residing on Oahu to attend a public hearing of the Commission held on a Neighbor Island by teleconference or videoconference.

The Young Brothers, Limited and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Division of Consumer Advocacy, Public Utilities Commission, Hawaii Energy Policy Forum, and two concerned individuals provided comments.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1851, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1851, H.D. 1.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-eighth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB1851	Committee Referral: CPC, FIN		Date: 02/24/16	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) 				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				······
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
5. DeCOITE, Lynn				
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling				
7. JORDAN, Jo				
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
10. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				· · ·
11. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
12. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
15. POUHA, Feki				
16. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (16)	15			1
The recommendation is: Adop	pted 🔲 Not Adopted	1		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature.				
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