

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 19, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2077
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and
Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 2077 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HYDROELECTRIC POWER,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize construction of
small hydropower facilities as defined by the United States
Department of Energy in a manner that combines clean energy
infrastructure and irrigation for agricultural lands. This
measure also clarifies that hydroelectric facilities shall not be
required to be an accessory to agricultural land for agricultural
use only.

Blue Planet Foundation, the Hawai'i Farm Bureau Federation,
Ulupono Initiative, and the Hawai'i Fresh Water Initiative
testified in support of this measure. The Ho'okipa Network Kauai,
Aha Moku Kauai, Pō'ai Wai Ola, Earthjustice, Kekaha Hawaiian
Homestead Association, Hanalei Watershed Hui, and numerous
individuals testified in opposition. The Department of
Agriculture provided comments.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

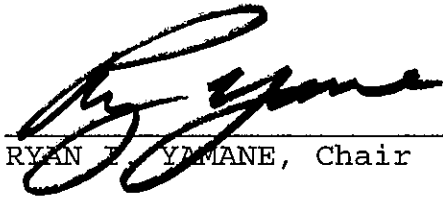
- (1) Requiring the approval of the Commission on Water
Resource Management if the hydroelectric generating
capacity of a hydroelectric facility is over 500
kilowatts; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2077, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2077, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy &
Environmental Protection and
Water & Land,



RYAN E. YAMANE, Chair



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 2077	Committee Referral: EEP/WAL, CPC	Date: 2-16-16		
<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)	8	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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