

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 8, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2136  
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. 2136 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC UTILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support the consideration of public ownership of electric utility companies by:

- (1) Authorizing the counties to operate electric utilities;
- (2) Expressly allowing counties to acquire any property necessary to operate an electric public utility by eminent domain or other lawful means; and
- (3) Excluding electric utilities owned and operated by a county from regulation by the Public Utilities Commission.

The Sierra Club of Oahu, The Alliance for Solar Choice, and three concerned individuals supported this measure. The Hawaiian Electric Company, Maui Electric Company, and Hawaii Electric Light Company opposed the measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to January 28, 2016, to facilitate further discussion.



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. 2136, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2136, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary.

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 2136</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EEP, CPC/JUD, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/2/16</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>8</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</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: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Musto ER</i></u>				
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