

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 4, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2416

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. 2416 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal chapter 201N, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to the renewable energy facility siting process, due to lack of implementation;
- (2) Allow any employee hired as renewable energy facility siting process staff before July 1, 2016, and transferred to another Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) position as a consequence of this measure, to retain the employee's exempt status; earned service, vacation, and sick leave credits; and employee benefits and privileges; and require that the employee not be appointed to a civil service position as a result of this measure;
- (3) Authorize the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to prescribe the duties and qualifications of the employee and set the employee's salary without regard to laws on compensation and collective bargaining;



- (4) Require that proceeds in the Renewable Energy Facility Siting Special Fund be deposited into the general fund on July 1, 2016; and
- (5) Specify that all records, equipment, and other personal and real property of the renewable energy facility siting process be maintained by the Hawaii State Energy Office or transferred to an appropriate DBEDT agency.

DBEDT testified in support of this measure. The Office of the Auditor submitted comments.

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. 2416 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



