

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3480

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2416

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, 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 and intent of this measure is to repeal chapter 201N, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to the renewable energy facility siting process.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Office of the Auditor.

Your Committee notes that the renewable energy facility siting process was established pursuant to Act 207, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008. However, your Committee also notes that the Auditor's Report No. 14-13 found that no project has completed the siting process and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism has not implemented a siting process program. The Auditor also reported that the renewable energy facility siting special fund, created to fund the operation and administration of the renewable energy facility siting process, maintained a balance of \$0 from the beginning of fiscal year 2009-2010, to the end of fiscal year 2013-2014, and has not demonstrated the capacity to be self-sustaining. Further, the special fund is expected to have an unencumbered cash balance of \$0 throughout fiscal year 2015-2016. Accordingly, your Committee finds that chapter 201N, Hawaii Revised Statutes, should be repealed due to a lack of implementation.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means 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 Ways and Means,



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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



