Honolulu, Hawaii

Februay 8, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2567

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. 2567 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 establish consistency in the review of utility mergers by establishing substantial net benefit as the Public Utility Commission's standard of review for a transfer or assignment of a public utility franchise.

The Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Alliance for Solar Choice, and a concerned individual testified in support of this measure. Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.; Maui Electric Company; and Hawaii Electric Light Company testified in opposition to this measure.

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. 2567 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection,

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 2567	EEP, CPC	Date:	-9-	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)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LEE, Chris (C)				•
2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (VC)				
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.			4	
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)	9			
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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