

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 4, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2570  
H.D. 2

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. 2570, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage and facilitate the development of electrical power microgrids in the State. Specifically, the measure promotes the development of microgrids by:

- (1) Prohibiting counties from requiring buildings that are served by a microgrid to be connected to an otherwise available source of electrical power; and
- (2) Exempting certain microgrids from being regulated as a public utility.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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.



2570, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2570, H.D. 2.

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



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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



