

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3012

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2636  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and Transportation and Energy, to which was referred H.B. No. 2636, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require a county with a resident population greater than 170,000 but fewer than 500,000 to require a special permit approval for the placement of solar energy facilities with a capacity of more than twenty-five kilowatts on certain lots within the agricultural district.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from four individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of Planning, Department of Agriculture, and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and one individual.

Your Committees find that solar energy facilities are an important component of the State's commitment to increased reliance on renewable energy, however not all locations within Hawaii are appropriate for solar energy production. Large-scale solar energy production facilities near residential developments can adversely affect residents, for example. This measure provides a mechanism to mitigate those potential adverse effects. Your Committees further find that the responsibility to initiate



the permitting procedure rightly falls to the landowner instead of the counties.

Your Committees have amended this measure by placing the mandate to initiate the permitting process on the landowner instead of the counties.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and Transportation and Energy that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2636, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2636, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental, and Military  
Affairs and Transportation and  
Energy,

  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair


  
CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair





The Senate  
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**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Transportation and Energy**  
**TRE**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2636, HDZ	PSM/TRE, WAM	03-22-16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	—	—	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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