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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 264

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 264 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote the development and grid-integration of renewable energy in Hawaii by requiring the Public Utilities Commission to establish, by rules adopted pursuant to Chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, a process to establish integrated energy districts.

The Renewable Energy Action Coalition of Hawaii supported this measure. The Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs supported the intent of the measure. The Public Utilities Commission submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended the measure by:

- (1) Removing the requirement that the Public Utilities Commission adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, in order to establish integrated energy districts and replacing it with a directive to the Public Utilities Commission to open a proceeding by July 1, 2016, for that purpose; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



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. 264, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 264, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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 264	Committee Referral: EEP, CPC	Date: 2/10/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> 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. 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)	10	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Nicole E Lowen</u>				
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