

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEBRUARY 5, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 927

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. 927 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ON-BILL PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that electric utilities serving as billing and collections agents in a purely "pass-through" capacity for any on-bill financing or repayment program are exempt from various state or county taxes and state laws regulating financial institutions, escrow depositories, and collection agencies.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Taxation; Public Utilities Commission; Hawaiian Electric Company; Hawaii Electric Light Company; Maui Electric Company; Blue Planet Foundation; and Hawaii Solar Energy Association supported this bill. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii submitted comments.

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. 927 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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 927	Committee Referral: EEP, CPC, FIN	Date: 2/3/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)	9	0	0	1
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: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Nicole E. _____				
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