

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 29, 2016

RE: H.C.R. No. 37

H.D. 1

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.C.R. No. 37 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING HAWAII'S ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM FOR DONATIONS OF EXCESS ENERGY FROM PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage Hawaii's electric utilities to implement a program in which credits from excess energy received from residential photovoltaic customers may be donated to nonprofit organizations or schools for their electricity bills.

A concerned individual supported this measure. The Hawaiian Electric Company, Maui Electric Company, and Hawaii Electric Light Company opposed the measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Encouraging the Public Utilities Commission, rather than Hawaii's electric utilities, to implement a program in which credits from excess energy received from residential photovoltaic customers may be donated to nonprofit organizations or schools for their electricity bills;
- (2) Changing its title to read: "ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM IN WHICH



CREDITS FROM EXCESS ENERGY RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTIAL PHOTOVOLTAIC CUSTOMERS MAY BE DONATED TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS OR SCHOOLS FOR THEIR ELECTRICITY BILLS."; and

- (3) 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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 37, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 37, H.D. 1.

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



CHRIS LEE, Chair



