

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 646
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 646 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Permit the installation of clotheslines in any residential dwelling, apartment, condominium, or townhouse, under certain conditions; and
- (2) Define a reasonable restriction on the placement and use of clotheslines as any restriction that is necessary to protect public health and safety, buildings from damage, historic or aesthetic values, or shorelines under certain circumstances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Blue Planet Foundation.

Your Committee finds that because of Hawaii's climate, Hawaii homeowners often have the choice to save money and save energy by using a clothesline to dry their clothes. Electric clothes dryers can cost a consumer upward of ten percent of their household's energy demand. However, many homeowner, condominium, and planned community associations have restrictions on the use of clotheslines that do not allow many homeowners the option of saving money and energy by drying their clothes on a clothesline.

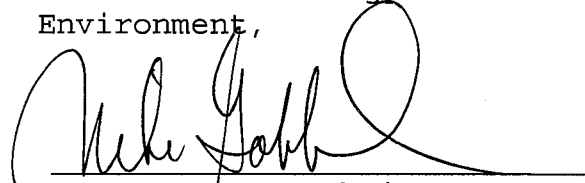


Allowing the installation of clotheslines will provide homeowners with the choice to save money and energy and decrease the amount of fossil fuel electricity that Hawaii's households require.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting a private entity's authority to implement a height restriction on the placement and use of clotheslines on a balcony or lanai of a multi-story apartment or condominium structure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 646, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 646, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy and
Environment,

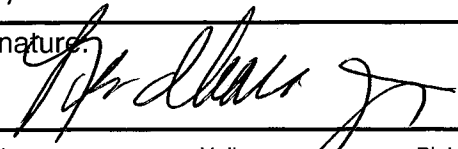


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 646	ENE, CPN	Feb. 3, 2015		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
GREEN, Josh (VC)				✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	2	0	1	0.2
Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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