

# SB488 SD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO ENERGY.  
Report Title: Condominiums; Metering of Electricity; Sub-metering  
Description: Requires separate electricity utility metering of nonresidential and residential condominium units in all condominium projects. (SD1)  
Companion:  
Package: None  
Current Referral: ENE, CPN  
Introducer(s): CHUN OAKLAND

<u>Sort by Date</u>		<b>Status Text</b>
1/23/2015	S	Introduced.
1/26/2015	S	Passed First Reading.
1/26/2015	S	Referred to ENE, CPN.
1/30/2015	S	The committee(s) on ENE has scheduled a public hearing on 02-03-15 2:45PM in conference room 225.
2/3/2015	S	The committee(s) on ENE recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in ENE were as follows: 3 Aye(s): Senator(s) Gabbard, Ihara, Slom; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 2 Excused: Senator(s) Green, Galuteria.
2/10/2015	S	Reported from ENE (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 60) with recommendation of passage on Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referral to CPN.
2/10/2015	S	Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to CPN.
2/20/2015	S	The committee(s) on CPN will hold a public decision making on 02-24-15 9:30AM in conference room 229.



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THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2015

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015  
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY OF JEFFREY T. ONO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF  
CONSUMER ADVOCACY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS, TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

SENATE BILL NO. 488, S.D. 1 – RELATING TO ENERGY

DESCRIPTION:

This measure proposes to require separate electricity utility metering of nonresidential and residential condominium units in all condominium projects.

POSITION:

The Division of Consumer Advocacy supports this bill.

COMMENTS:

Hawaii's consumers pay billions of dollars each year for electricity that is generated using imported oil. Energy conservation and efficiency are important means by which the State of Hawaii can wean itself from its dependence upon imported petroleum.

The Consumer Advocate supports this measure as it will make the actual consumer of the electricity used in condominium apartments financially responsible for his own energy usage. There are a number of older condominiums in Hawaii whose apartments are not separately metered. Mandating individual electricity meters in condominiums would be an important step in improving energy conservation.

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Furthermore, this bill provides that the cost of installing separate meters to condominium apartments will be borne by the association, not the electric utility. This means that all electric utility ratepayers will not be subsidizing these costs.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.