

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

694

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 17, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1543  
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1543, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY TRAINING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to create a program to provide training to state and county employees responsible for permitting, inspecting, licensing, and approving energy systems and related technology.

The Hawaii County Department of Public Works, Distributed Energy Resources Council of Hawaii, and Renewable Energy Services, Inc. testified in support of this measure. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism testified in opposition. The Solar Energy Action Committee and one individual provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1543, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it

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be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1543, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment,

  
AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



