

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1720

Honolulu, Hawaii

MARCH 24, 2017

RE: S.B. No. 382
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 382, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the Public Utilities Commission by updating its structure and operation and requiring a management audit of the Commission.

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO and Ulupono Initiative testified in support of this measure. A concerned individual testified in support of the intent of this measure. The Public Utilities Commission testified in opposition to this measure. The Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of the Attorney General, Office of the Auditor, Hawaii Energy Policy Forum, Life of the Land, and a concerned individual provided comments.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language updating the structure and operation of the Public Utilities Commission and simply requiring a management audit of the Commission to be conducted; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 382, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 382, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



