

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 969

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 7, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1249
H.D. 3

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1249, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote energy efficiency in Hawaii by:

- (1) Requiring the typical monthly operating costs in all new home sales to be disclosed to potential buyers according to specified standards; and
- (2) Directing the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to convene a working group that includes the Public Utilities Commission, concerned citizens, and representatives of affected businesses and energy-related industries to maximize the energy efficiency of new residences in the State.

The Ulupono Initiative supported this measure. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Public Utilities Commission opposed the measure. The Hawaiian Electric Company, Maui Electric Company, Hawaii Electric Light Company, Blue Planet Foundation, Hawaii Association of REALTORS,




Hawaii Energy, and Energy Efficiency Working Group of the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion; 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 Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1249, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1249, H.D. 3.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA DUKE, Chair



