

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 15, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1805
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1805 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist county employees who
are responsible for permitting, inspecting, licensing, and
approving energy systems and related technologies by:

- (1) Requiring the University of Hawaii (UH) community colleges to establish and administer or contract for energy systems and technology training courses for relevant county officers and employees on the various standards and requirements for renewable energy systems and related distributed electricity technologies, establish a stakeholder committee to provide input, guidance, and outreach assistance, and submit a progress report to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2020; and
- (2) Appropriating \$125,000 for fiscal year 2018-2019 for energy systems and technology training and authorizing the use of funds to reimburse participants for fees paid.



The University of Hawaii; Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; and a concerned individual supported the measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making the appropriation in an unspecified sum;
- (2) Changing the due date for the progress report to the Legislature to 20 days prior to the Regular Session of 2019;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2112, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests that your Committee on Finance, should it hear this measure, consider appropriating \$125,000 for energy systems and technology training.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1805, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1805, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



