

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 9, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2724
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and
Economic Development & Business, to which was referred H.B. No.
2724 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE ENERGY AGENCIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a primary state
energy agency that will assist both the public and private sectors
in achieving the State's energy goals by:

- (1) Establishing the Office of Clean Energy within the
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism
(DBEDT) for administrative purposes only;
- (2) Transferring the duties and responsibilities of DBEDT's
Energy Resources Coordinator to the Director of the
Office of Clean Energy; and
- (3) Transferring the functions of the State Energy Office to
the Office of Clean Energy.

Hawaii Bioeconomy Trade Organization, Life of the Land, and
Blue Planet Foundation supported this measure. An individual
opposed this measure. The Department of Business, Economic
Development and Tourism provided comments.



Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the goal of the Office of Clean Energy is to help the State achieve a resilient clean energy economy that sequesters more atmospheric carbon and greenhouse gases than it produces as quickly as practicable, but no later than 2045; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Economic Development & Business that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2724, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2724, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Labor & Public Employment.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy &
Environmental Protection and
Economic Development &
Business,



CINDY EVANS, Chair



CHRIS LEE, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2724	Committee Referral: EEP/EDB, LAB, FIN	Date: 2/7/18		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LEE, Chris (C)	/			
2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (VC)	/			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	/			
4. KONG, Sam Satoru	/			
5. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	/			
6. TODD, Chris	/			
7. YAMANE, Ryan I.				/
8. MCDERMOTT, Bob				/
TOTAL (8)	6	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Nicole E. Lowen</u>				
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