

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 10, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 848

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 Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 848 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY MODERNIZATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to exempt microgrids that promote and serve public higher education institutions from regulation as a public utility by the Public Utilities Commission.

The University of Hawaii, Sierra Club of Hawaii, Energy Research Systems, Young Progressives Demanding Action Hawaii, and several individuals testified in support of this measure. Life of the Land supported the intent of this measure. Hawaiian Electric Company and its subsidiaries Maui Electric Company and Hawaii Electric Light Company testified in opposition. The Public Utilities Commission provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that an electric utility can assess microgrid-related charges to a public higher education institution;
- (2) Appropriating funds for the University of Hawaii to build transmission and distribution lines to connect energy projects on multiple parcels of land; and



- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 848, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 848, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Higher Education.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 848	Committee Referral: EEP, HED, FIN	Date: 2/9/17		
<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. EVANS, Cindy	/			
5. ICHIYAMA, Linda	/			
6. KONG, Sam Satoru			/	
7. SAY, Calvin K.Y.			/	
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
9. FUKUMOTO, Beth	/			
TOTAL (9)	7	0	2	0
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:				
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