Honolulu, Hawaii

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H.B. No. 560 RE: H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2019 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 560, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the University of Hawaii community colleges to:

- (1) Establish energy systems and technology training courses for county officers and employees responsible for permitting, inspecting, licensing, and approving construction projects;
- (2) Establish an advisory committee of industry stakeholders for assistance with the training; and
- (3) Submit a report to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; State Fire Council; Kaua'i Fire Department; Maui Fire Department; Ulupono Initiative; Blue Planet Foundation; 350.org; 350Hawaii.org; Hawaii Energy; and six individuals.

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Your Committee finds that the State's ambitious clean energy goals, along with advances in energy technology, have created incentives for the adoption of new energy systems technologies and equipment. The increase in the adoption of new energy systems technologies and equipment has placed additional burdens on some county officers and employees who are responsible for permitting, inspecting, licensing, and approving projects, including officers and employees at county public works departments, planning and permitting departments, and fire departments. This measure ensures that these county officers and employees are properly trained and remain informed about new technology in the energy sector.

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. 560, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair

The Senate Thirtieth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Higher Education HRE

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 560 HD I	Committee Referral: HRE, WAM			Date: 8/19/19		
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is:						
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313						
Members		Aye	Aye (W	(R) Nay Ex		Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)						
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)						
KAHELE, Kaialiʻi						/_
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.						
FEVELLA, Kurt						
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted						
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Higher						
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