

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1809

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2019

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RE: H.C.R. No. 91

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 91 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO APPROVE A SUBSIDY THROUGH UTILITY RATES FOR REASONABLE RATEMAKING TREATMENT TO LESSEN THE BURDEN OF ENERGY COSTS ON LOW- AND LIMITED-INCOME AND SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS CUSTOMERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Public Utilities Commission to approve a subsidy through utility rates for reasonable ratemaking treatment to lessen the burden of energy costs on low- and limited-income and special medical needs customers.

Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.; Maui Electric Company, Ltd.; Hawai'i Electric Light Company, Inc.; Aloha United Way; HOPE Services Hawai'i; Honolulu Community Action Program, Inc.; and Parents And Children Together submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of Human Services, and Public Utilities Commission submitted comments.

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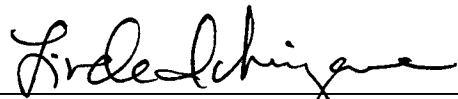


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Providing the Public Utilities Commission with more flexibility to determine the manner in which the goal may be achieved by requesting that the Public Utilities Commission collaborate with the Division of Consumer Advocacy, electric utilities, and other stakeholders to explore cost-effective solutions, rather than requesting a subsidy through utility rates; and
- (2) Amending the title of the measure to reflect this new purpose so that the title reads: "REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY, ELECTRIC UTILITIES, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO EXPLORE COST-EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS TO LESSEN THE BURDEN OF ENERGY COSTS ON LOW- AND LIMITED-INCOME AND SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS CUSTOMERS."

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 91, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 91, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,


for ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 91	Committee Referral: CPC, FIN	Date: 3/21/19		
<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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKUMI, Roy M. (C)	✓			
2. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
4. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
5. CABANILLA ARAKAWA, Rida				✓
6. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
7. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
8. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
9. MIZUNO, John M.				✓
10. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
TOTAL (11)	8	0	0	3
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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