STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 0 1 2019

RE: S.B. No. 272

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 272 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOLAR ENERGY DEVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the definition of "solar energy device" to include building-applied photovoltaics and building-integrated photovoltaics and exclude passive solar skylights or windows, thereby specifically allowing installation of these devices on condominium common elements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from a councilmember from the Hawai'i County Council, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, 350 Hawaii, Board of Directors of the Honolulu Tower Association of Apartment Owners, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the renewable energy field is everchanging due to its technological nature. Accordingly, statutory law must be updated to reflect advances in technology related to renewable energy. Your Committee also finds that under existing law, it is unclear whether certain building-integrated photovoltaics, such as electricity-producing photovoltaic windows, fall under the definition of "solar energy device", and whether condominium boards are therefore restricted from installing these devices. This measure amends the definition of "solar energy device" to include building-applied photovoltaics and building-

integrated photovoltaics, which will encourage the use of renewable energy and further the renewable energy initiative in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 272 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

ROSALYN H. BAKER. Chair

The Senate Thirtieth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health CPH

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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 (WR) Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)		V			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)					
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett		/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.		V			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	-				V
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