

Honolulu, Hawaii

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, 2020

RE: H.B. No. 2186  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 2186, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION OF HIGH-VOLTAGE ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to exempt projects that place high-voltage electric transmission infrastructure underground from mandatory approval by the Public Utilities Commission, if certain conditions are met.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; EAH Housing; Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.; and Hunt Development Group, LLC. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that this measure will streamline the regulatory process for installation of underground electric transmission lines, while maintaining appropriate oversight by the Public Utilities Commission. The streamlined process proposed by this measure reduces the need for the Public Utilities Commission to review projects that would not adversely affect customers, which will enable the Commission and Department of Commerce and



Consumer Affairs to better focus time and resources on other proceedings that require more attention.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2186, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



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ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 2186, HD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EEP, CPC, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/6/20</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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				✓
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>R. DeLoach</i>				
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