

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 , 2020

RE: H.B. No. 2657  
H.D. 2

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. 2657, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A COAL-FREE HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to eliminate the use of coal in Hawaii for electricity production.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii State Energy Office, IMUAlliance, Hawaii Youth Climate Coalition, Pono Hawaii Initiative, Climate Protectors Coalition, Surfrider Oahu, Young Progressives Demanding Action, Sierra Club of Hawaii, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Our Revolution Hawaii, Blue Planet Foundation, and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health, Public Utilities Commission, and Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.

Your Committee finds that the usage of coal as a fuel source is harmful to the environment and has a negative impact on public health. Further, your Committee finds that in order to reach the goal of clean energy in the State, coal must be phased out.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the power purchase agreements, fuel supply agreements, and facility construction and purchases that the Public Utilities Commission cannot approve;
- (2) Prohibiting an independent power producer from passing on the environmental response, energy, and food security tax onto a purchasing utility company; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2657, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2657, H.D. 2.

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



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ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives **HSCR 310-20**  
The THIRTIETH Legislature

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

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 2657, 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 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				✓
<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 style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Rida Arakawa</i></u>				
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