

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1053

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 , 2019

RE: H.B. No. 298
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 298, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL WHEELING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

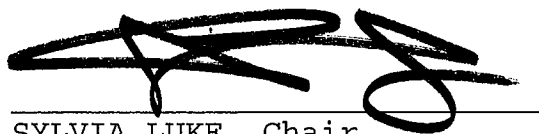
- (1) Expedite implementation of intra-governmental wheeling by authorizing government agencies to wheel electricity produced at their own facilities from renewable energy resources, subject to disallowance by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC);
- (2) Designate the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) as a microgrid demonstration project;
- (3) Require the PUC to complete its intra-governmental wheeling proceeding and establish an intra-governmental tariff by December 31, 2020; and
- (4) Authorize the PUC to consider allowing wheeling among facilities located within the boundaries of the Hawaii Ocean Science and Technology Park.



The City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services, Tawhiri Power LLC, and O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i testified in support of this measure. Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Maui Electric Company, Ltd., and Hawai'i Electric Light Company, Inc. opposed this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, PUC, and NELHA provided comments on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 298, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



