

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2772

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2072

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,
to which was referred S.B. No. 2072 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the
State Energy Office, in cooperation with the Governor, to
establish a strategic plan identifying clear benchmarks to
establish one hundred percent renewable energy by 2045.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Climate Protectors Coalition;
We Are One, Inc; 350Hawaii; Ulupono Initiative; Imua Alliance; and
thirteen individuals. Your Committee received testimony in
opposition to this measure from the Life of the Land, Our
Revolution Hawaii, and one individual. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic
Development, and Tourism; Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.; and one
individual.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's dependence on imported
fuel hinders the State's economy. To decrease Hawaii's dependence
on imported fuels, the Legislature passed Act 97, Session Laws of
Hawaii 2015, which requires all electric utility companies to
establish a renewable portfolio standard of one hundred percent of
its net electricity sales by December 31, 2045. However, your



Committee further finds that no strategic plan currently exists for the attainment of this goal. This measure will require the State Energy Office, in collaboration with the Governor, to establish a strategic plan to identify clear benchmarks to reach the goal established in Act 97, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Supplementing the information in the purpose section;
- (2) Requiring the Hawaii State Energy Office, instead of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, to submit the strategic plan to the Legislature;
- (3) Changing the due date of the strategic plan from twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2021 to twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2022;
- (4) Inserting an appropriation of \$450,000 to develop a strategic plan; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2072, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2072, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy, Economic
Development, and Tourism,



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



