

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2471

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2561

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. 2561 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require
retailers of household appliances to display available energy
efficiency rebates and state-specific energy operation costs on
the products.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Climate Protectors Coalition;
Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; Our
Revolution Hawaii; 350Hawaii; Blue Planet Foundation; We Are One,
Inc; and fifteen individuals.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii businesses and residents pay
the highest electricity rates in the nation, further exacerbating
the already high cost of living and increasing monthly financial
burdens. Your Committee believes that supplying information about
available rebates and energy costs would enable consumers to make
wise choices when selecting products that yield long-term savings
as opposed to choosing a product solely based on the cost.
According to the Appliance Standards Awareness Project, appliance
efficiencies will yield Hawaii's consumers \$537,000,000 net cost
savings over fifteen years. This measure will help consumers make



more informed decisions and save consumers money by providing more accurate cost information on available rebates in the State.

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. 2561 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

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

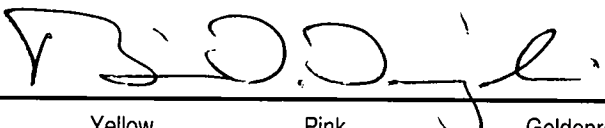


GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2561	Committee Referral: EET, CPH	Date: 1/31/2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R.				✓
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes