

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2469

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2820  
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. 2820 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 increase the  
renewable energy technology tax credit cap per unit per system for  
multi-family residential properties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Climate Protectors Coalition; Our Revolution Hawaii; We  
Are One, Inc; ADON Renewables; 350Hawaii; Hawaii Solar Energy  
Association; and twenty-one individuals. Your Committee received  
comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation, Hawaii  
State Energy Office, and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has one of the highest costs  
of living in the nation. A contributing factor to the high cost  
of living are utility rates, more specifically the price of  
electricity. Hawaii is positioned in one of the best locations to  
utilize solar energy to provide electricity to residential and  
commercial properties. However, your Committee notes that multi-  
family residential properties have not received an increase in the  
renewable energy technologies income tax credit since the  
establishment of the tax credit in 2003, while both single-family  
residential properties and commercial properties have been



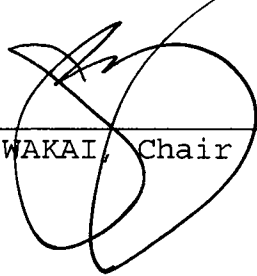
increased. This measure will bring multi-family residential properties into equity with single family residential properties for the renewable technologies income tax credit by increasing the cap amount of the tax credit.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; and
- (2) 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. 2820, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2820, 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,

  
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GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism**  
**EET**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2820	EET, WAM	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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	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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