

Honolulu, Hawaii  
, 2020

MAY 11  
RE: S.B. No. 2884  
S.D. 1

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 S.B. No. 2884, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION SPECIAL FUND CARRYOVER BALANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the amount of funds that may be retained in the Public Utilities Commission Special Fund at the end of each fiscal year.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Public Utilities Commission, and Ulupono Initiative. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the current carryover balance of \$1,000,000 in the Public Utilities Commission Special Fund was established in 1994 and has never been modified, even though the Public Utilities Commission has grown significantly in size in terms of responsibilities and operational costs since that time. Your Committee further finds that the main source of revenue for the Public Utilities Commission Special Fund are fees collected on a staggered basis. Since the fees are collected at various times of the year, the \$1,000,000 carryover balance is no longer



sufficient to meet the Public Utilities Commission's start-of-year expenses, including statutory obligations and payroll.

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 S.B. No. 2884, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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  
The THIRTIETH Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>SB 2884, SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPC, FIN</b>	Date: <b>3/11/20</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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				✓
TOTAL (11)	9	0	0	3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <p style="text-align: center;">committee acronym(s)</p>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Linda Ichizone</i></u>				
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