

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 348

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 930
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,
to which was referred S.B. No. 930 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 facilitate the
timely interconnection and transmission lines for utility-scale
renewable energy projects.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Hawaii Clean Power Alliance and the Democratic Caucus
Environmental Committee. Your Committee received testimony in
opposition to this measure from Hawaiian Electric. Your Committee
received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce
and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii State Energy Office, and Public
Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that accelerating the development of
renewable energy in order to reduce greenhouse gases is a high
priority and the Legislature has enacted numerous measures to
achieve this objective. Your Committee further finds that there
have been significant delays for Hawaiian Electric to complete its
interconnection process so that utility-scale renewable energy
projects know how they may interconnect with Hawaiian Electric's
grid allowing them to begin construction.



Your Committee further finds that facilitating the timing of interconnection will help bring utility-scale renewable projects online sooner and further the State's prospects of meeting its ambitious renewable portfolio standards, clean energy, and carbon reduction goals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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. 930, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 930, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Ways and Means.

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

GLENN WAKAI, Chair



