

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 15** , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1523  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and  
Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 1523 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to exclude the installation of  
roof-mounted photovoltaic or solar water heater systems from  
mandatory review under chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by the  
State Historic Preservation Division.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawaii Solar Energy Association. Your Committees  
received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Historic  
Hawai'i Foundation. Your Committees received comments on this  
measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committees find that renewable energy is critical in  
protecting Hawaii's environment and securing the State's clean  
energy future. Adding renewable energy technology to historical  
buildings may aid in their preservation by lowering carbon  
emissions and helping the State achieve its renewable energy  
goals.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:



- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2100, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1523, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1523, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Energy &  
Environmental Protection and  
Water & Land,



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