

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3164

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 04 2022**

RE: S.B. No. 2535  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2535, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the required distance from the shore of a main Hawaiian island where offshore wind turbines may be sited.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office, Public Utilities Commission, Hawaiian Electric Company, and Progression Energy.

Your Committee finds that offshore wind energy could play an important role in assisting the island of O'ahu and the State in achieving its goal of one hundred percent renewable energy by 2045. As O'ahu's high energy demand and consumption creates challenges to achieve electricity independence without off-island resources, wind energy may provide a solution to reduce fossil fuel dependence and consumption. Maximizing the State's clean energy resources allows for Hawai'i's communities, ratepayers, and environment to experience a clean energy future. Your Committee further finds that striking a key balance between the production of wind energy and the protection of Hawai'i's delicate, unique



coral reef ecosystems is necessary to achieving both renewable energy and conservation goals.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 30, 2075, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2535, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2535, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-First Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Judiciary**  
**JDC**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2535, SDI	EET/WTL, JDC	03-03-22		
<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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			<del>✓</del>
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura		✓		
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
LEE, Chris	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	1	-	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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