

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3205
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education & Technology, to which was referred S.B. No. 3205, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Temporarily re-establish a two-year Hawaii Office of Naval Research Grant Program within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to provide fifty-percent matching grants to qualified businesses conducting research and development in alternative energy; and
- (2) Establish the Alternative Energy Research and Development Revolving Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; Oceanit; Makai Ocean Engineering, Inc.; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.



Your Committee finds that the re-establishment of the Hawaii Office of Naval Research Grant Program will help further the State's goals of promoting renewable energy, supporting local businesses, and keeping high-paying, high-skilled jobs in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding alternative fuels, hydrogen, batteries, and energy storage as fields of research by which a business could qualify for a grant from the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation under this program; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3205, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3205, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education &
Technology,



GREGG TAKAYAMA, Chair



