STAND. COM. REP. NO. **250**-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2022

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RE: S.B. No. 3205

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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 TARAYAMA. Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-first Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education & Technology

Bill/Resolution No.: 5B 3205 SD/	Committee Referral:			022
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HET Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (C)	V			
2. CLARK, Linda (VC)				
3. BELATTI, Della Au				
4. COSTALES, Luella				
5. GANADEN, Sonny	· .			
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
7. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.				
8. KAPELA, Jeanne				
9. OHNO, Takashi				
10. QUINLAN, Sean	•			
11. WOODSON, Justin H.				
12. YAMANE, Ryan I.				
13. OKIMOTO, Val	V			
TOTAL (13)	8	2		3
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Window S Classe				
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