

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1421

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22, 2023

RE: S.B. No. 691
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 691, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EFFICIENCY STANDARDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Chief Energy Officer of the Hawaii State Energy Office, rather than the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, to enforce minimum efficiency standards and adopt or amend efficiency standards; and
- (2) Set minimum efficiency standards for air purifiers, electric vehicle supply equipment, portable electric spas, residential ventilating fans, toilets, urinals, and water coolers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, Climate Protectors Hawai'i, Ulupono Initiative, Hawai'i Energy, Blue Planet Foundation, and five individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers. Your Committee received comments on

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this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office, Home Ventilating Institute, and Appliance Standards Awareness Project.

Your Committee finds that adopting policies that promote and encourage energy efficiency can provide relief for families and businesses faced with high utility bills. While the Legislature has taken steps to establish minimum energy and water efficiency standards for certain products sold, leased, or rented in the State, this measure expands the list of products with minimum efficiency standards to ensure that Hawaii residents and businesses do not miss out on potential utility bill savings and reduce air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting definitions for "air purifier", "electric vehicle supply equipment", and "industrial air purifier";
- (2) Removing air purifiers and electric vehicle supply equipment from products that must meet certain minimum efficiency standards;
- (3) Clarifying the minimum efficiency standards for water coolers;
- (4) Allowing manufacturers to utilize the Home Ventilating Institute's Certified Products Directory Certification Program to meet certain standards;
- (5) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) 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 Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 691, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 691, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,

Nicole E. Lowen

NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 691, SD2	Committee Referral: EEP, CPL	Date: 03/14/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓	✓		
2. COCHRAN, Elle (VC)	✓			
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega				✓
4. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.				✓
6. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
7. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (7)	5			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Elle Cochran</u>				
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