

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2145

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 06 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2122
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,
to which was referred S.B. No. 2122 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY-EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO
STANDARDS, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to extend the
State's energy efficiency portfolio standards from 2030 to 2045
and to further develop and clarify procedures for the energy-
efficiency portfolio standards established and overseen by the
Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' Division of
Consumer Advocacy, Hawaii State Energy Office, Hawai'i Climate
Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission, Public Utilities
Commission, Blue Planet Foundation, Hawai'i Energy, Hawaiian
Electric, Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Ulupono Initiative, Climate
Protectors Hawaii, Energy and Climate Action Committee of the
Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, 350Hawaii,
Wild Kids, and eight individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from one individual.

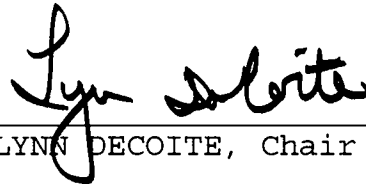


Your Committee finds that as the State progresses toward its renewable energy and decarbonization goals, improving energy efficiency remains the most cost-effective way to reduce emissions associated with electricity generation and consumption, while providing financial benefits for customers. Act 155, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, codified energy efficiency goals through the establishment of an energy-efficiency portfolio standard. Fifteen years later, your Committee further finds that it is appropriate to extend these energy efficiency goals and ensure that the Public Utilities Commission may continue its work developing and overseeing the State's energy-efficiency portfolio standards beyond 2030.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of January 1, 2060, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2122, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2122, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy, Economic
Development, and Tourism,


LYNN DECOITE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Second Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2122	Committee Referral: EET, CPN/WAM	Date: 1-30-24		
<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
DECOITE, Lynn (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes