

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2564

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2770

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Government Operations and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, to which was referred S.B. No. 2770 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the counties to establish, by ordinance, an opt-in program that allows an annual payment in lieu of real property taxes on the land or improvements thereon that are actively used to produce or store renewable energy that is sold to an electric utility.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office; City and County of Honolulu's Department of Budget and Fiscal Services; Ulupono Initiative; Longroad Energy; Hawaiian Electric; Clearway Energy Group.; and Tigershark, LLC.

Your Committees find that Act 97, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, requires electric utilities in the State to achieve a one hundred percent renewable portfolio standard by 2045. To achieve this ambitious mandate, your Committees find that authorizing the counties the flexibility to accept payments in lieu of real property tax for renewable generation improvements upon real property may incentivize more property owners to utilize clean energy resources while keeping revenue generation for counties



predictable. This measure aligns with the State's long-term clean energy goals and ensures a cleaner future for Hawaii's people.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Government Operations and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2770 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Government Operations and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,

Lynn DeCote

LYNN DECOITE, Chair


Angus L.K. McKelvey

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The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	4	—	—	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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DECOITE, Lynn (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			✓
FUKUNAGA, Carol				✓
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
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