

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1724

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2023

RE: H.B. No. 852
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 852, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE ENTERPRISE ZONES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend state enterprise law by amending the definition of "eligible business activity" to include the processing of value-added agricultural products grown within an enterprise zone, and the development or production of renewable energy.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office, Hawaii Food Industry Association, Hawaii Forest Industry Association, Ulupono Initiative, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Gas, Hawaiian Electric, and Hawaii Clean Power Alliance.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the State should pursue efforts to strengthen the local economy, support local farmers and rural communities, and reach renewable energy goals. Your Committee also finds that expanding the range of activities that qualify for

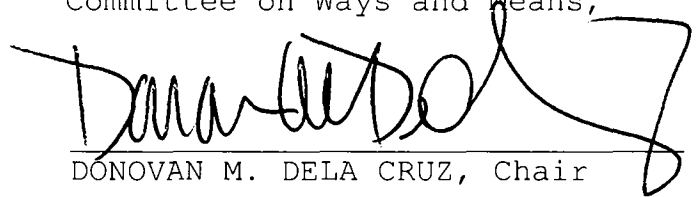


the State's enterprise zone program, as proposed by this measure, will stimulate growth and development in the private sector, lead to advances in renewable energy, and help lower the cost of renewable energy projects.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 852, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 852, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

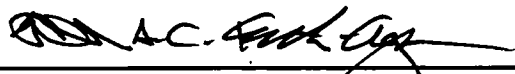



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The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 852 , HD1	Committee Referral: EET, WAM	Date: 4/3/23 3/27/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. 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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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