

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1265

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 16

, 2023

RE: S.B. No. 817
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and
Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred S.B. No. 817
entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend 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 Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
Tourism; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Hawai'i Gas; Hawai'i
Forest Industry Association; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm
Bureau; Hawaii Clean Power Alliance; Hawaii Food Industry
Association; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Land Use Research
Foundation of Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committees
received testimony in opposition to this measure from We are One,
Inc.; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; HULI
PAC; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; and eleven individuals. Your
Committees received comments on this measure from the Department
of Agriculture, Life of the Land, and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

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Your Committees find that the Enterprise Zone Program was initially established within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to stimulate various business activities and employment in targeted areas in the State. Your Committees further find that renewable energy and agriculture are top priorities that are essential to the State's environmental and economic sustainability. This measure expands the definition of "eligible business activity" to further support the economic outcomes of the State's most rural or distressed communities.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the development or production of renewable energy must demonstrate greenhouse gas emissions substantially lower than fossil fuels;
- (2) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Agriculture & Food Systems that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 817, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 817, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Economic Development.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy &
Environmental Protection and
Agriculture & Food Systems,


CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair


NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 817	Committee Referral: EEP/AGR, ECD, FIN	Date: 03/14/2023		
<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)	4			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Elle Cochran</u>				
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