

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1476

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 , 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1220
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 1220, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE GAS TARIFF,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require:

- (1) Gas utility companies to submit proposed renewable gas tariffs to the Public Utilities Commission by August 31, 2025; and
- (2) The Public Utilities Commission to establish an initial or revised renewable gas tariff or tariffs no later than nine months after the filing of a completed application for a proposed renewable gas tariff if the Public Utilities Commission finds that the tariff meets certain conditions and standards.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Gas; Simonpietri Enterprises LLC; Hawai'i Restaurant Association; Coalition for Renewable Natural Gas; Kapolei Chamber of Commerce; and Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from

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the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that environmentally conscious customers are seeking the option to purchase renewable gas through a renewable gas tariff. However, the existing regulations require a general rate case to create a renewable gas tariff, a process costing \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 and taking an average of two years. This measure accelerates the process for timely approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1220, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,


SCOT Z. MATAYOSHI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: SB1220, SD2, HD1	Committee Referral: EEP, CPC, FIN	Date: 3/19/25
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to:
 Pass, unamended (as is)
 Pass, with amendments (HD)
 Hold
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (C)	✓			
2. CHUN, Cory M. (VC)	✓			
3. ILAGAN, Greggor				✓
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
5. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco			✓	
6. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
7. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
8. MARTEN, Lisa				✓
9. TAM, Adrian K.	✓			
10. PIERICK, Elijah			✓	
TOTAL (10)	6		2	2

The recommendation is:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted
 If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____

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