

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

783

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 27 2025**

RE: S.B. No. 1269  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1269, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for the continued identification and exploration of geothermal resources and commercial viability for utility-scale geothermal energy production in counties with a population of less than three hundred thousand.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaiian Electric; Innovations Development Group; Lepo Ula; Ulupono Initiative; Waika; and numerous individuals.


Your Committee finds that geothermal resources can provide stable power and community benefits as a viable alternative to biofuels. Your Committee further finds that through legislative appropriations, the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation has begun work on an integrated geothermal development roadmap with the goal of developing the first utility-scale 50- to 100-megawatt power station on Hawaii Island. Your Committee recognizes that further appropriations will support the Hawaii Technology



Development Corporation as it continues its geothermal exploration.

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 S.B. No. 1269, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

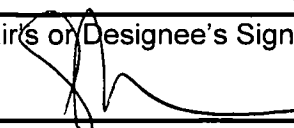
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB1269 SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDT, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-18-2025</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div></div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn				X
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	12	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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