

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

537

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1500  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and  
Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, to which was referred S.B.  
No. 1500 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC UTILITIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide the  
Public Utilities Commission with the authority to appoint a  
receiver to take temporary action necessary to assure continued  
electric services from investor-owned electric utilities.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committees find that when a regulated water or sewer  
utility is failing, or there is an imminent threat of the utility  
failing, to provide adequate and reasonable service to its  
customers, the Public Utilities Commission has the authority to  
appoint a receiver to take temporary action. Your Committees  
further find that the Public Utilities Commission does not have  
the same authority for regulated, investor-owned electric  
utilities. This measure addresses this need by expressly allowing  
the Public Utilities Commission to appoint a receiver for a  
regulated, investor-owned electric utility under certain  
circumstances.



Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.


As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1500, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1500, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection and Energy  
and Intergovernmental Affairs,



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GLENN WAKAI, Chair



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JARRETT KEOHOKALO, Chair

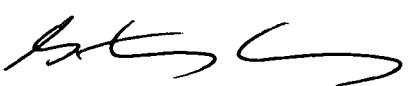


**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**  
**CPN**

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**EIG**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB1500</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPN / EIG, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/11/25</b>		
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____</div>				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"><div><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div></div>				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
DECOITE, Lynn	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</div></div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"></div>				
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