

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1500  
S.D. 2

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. 1500, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Public Utilities Commission to appoint a receiver to take temporary action if the Commission finds it necessary to ensure continued adequate electric services from investor-owned electric utilities.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy; and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1260.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Public Utilities Commission and Hawaiian Electric.

Your Committee finds that the Public Utilities Commission already has the authority to appoint a receiver to take temporary actions on behalf of a regulated water or sewer utility when the continuity or quality of the utility's operations are jeopardized. Your Committee believes that this measure will ensure that the Commission can take similar proactive measures on behalf of customers if an investor-owned electric utility fails to provide



adequate service or creates a serious and imminent threat to customer safety.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adopting amendments recommended by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 1260, to:

- (1) Require an appointed receiver to recognize and maintain the terms and conditions of any existing collective bargaining agreement; and
- (2) Prohibit the receiver from inducing or causing a reduction in force, or terminating a covered employee, other than for a cause consistent with any collective bargaining agreement.

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. 1500, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1500, S.D. 2.

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

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**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB1500 SD1</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">CPN/EIG, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2-26-2025</div>		
<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 style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
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			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted           <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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