

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2025RE: S.B. No. 635
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 Government Operations and Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 635 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require all state agencies to use energy efficient lighting; and
- (2) Require the Hawaii State Energy Office to provide technical assistance, survey state agencies for compliance, and submit a report of the survey to the Legislature.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission, 350Hawaii.org, Hawai'i Energy, and Coalition Earth.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office.

Your Committees find that as part of the twenty-five Governor US Climate Alliance, Hawaii has committed to taking high-impact actions to accelerate greenhouse gas emission deductions and reach



net zero operating emissions for government buildings by 2030. LED lights are a relatively simple, cost-efficient method of improving the State's climate impact. LED lights are more energy-efficient than fluorescent alternatives, costing taxpayers less in the long-term while reducing emissions. This measure progresses the State towards its climate goals by requiring all state buildings, with the assistance of the Hawaii State Energy Office, to expeditiously transition to energy efficient lighting.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Hawaii State Energy Office to assign priority to first responder facilities when providing technical assistance in transitioning to energy efficient lighting and in conducting the compliance survey;
- (2) Requiring the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide technical assistance to the Hawaii State Energy Office in conducting the compliance survey;
- (3) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose; and
- (4) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2491, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Government Operations 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. 635, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 635, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Government Operations and Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs,



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair

The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Government Operations
GVO

Bill / Resolution No.:* SBG35	Committee Referral: GVO/FIG, WAM	Date: 2.4.25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	X			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)				X
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	X	✓		
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

