

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1719

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31

, 2025

RE: H.R. No. 181

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.R. No. 181 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR, STATE AGENCIES, AND OTHER RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS TO ACCELERATE HAWAII'S CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION AND TAKE IMMEDIATE, DECISIVE ACTION TO REDUCE AND ELIMINATE DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED FOSSIL FUELS TO IMPROVE ENERGY SECURITY AND PROTECT CONSUMERS FROM RISING ENERGY COSTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Governor, state agencies, and other relevant stakeholders to accelerate Hawaii's clean energy transition and take immediate, decisive action to reduce and eliminate dependence on imported fossil fuels to improve energy security and protect consumers from rising energy costs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Energy Office; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; Coalition Earth; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has the highest electricity rates in the country, largely due to its reliance on imported fossil fuels. Your Committee further finds that the State's

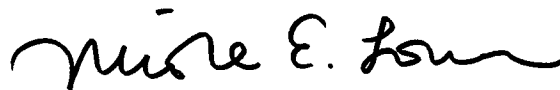
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dependence on fossil fuels makes it susceptible to fuel price volatility, supply chain disruptions, and geopolitical instability. This measure encourages the State to expedite the adoption of clean energy and eliminate reliance on imported fossil fuels.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 181 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 181	Committee Referral: EEP	Date: 3/18/25
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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)

EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)	✓			
3. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
4. KUSCH, Matthias	✓			
5. QUINLAN, Sean				✓
6. WARD, Gene				✓
TOTAL (6)	4			2

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

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: