

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 4, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2081
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 2081, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a simplified regulatory process for public agencies to use that allows the agencies to propose public purpose projects for the Public Utilities Commission's approval and that directs public utilities to procure electricity or fuel from the approved project at a rate authorized by the commission.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaiian Electric Company and its subsidiary utilities Maui Electric Company and Hawaii Electric Light Company, and the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum. Comments were received from the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that this measure will allow the State and counties to develop public purpose projects that involve a public utility's participation in the procurement of electricity or fuel without the prior approval of the affected public utility.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to January 1, 2112, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2081, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2081, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



