

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 12, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2636

H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2636 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to restrict solar energy facilities in residential housing areas in agricultural districts to have a capacity of no more than 25 kilowatts.

Several concerned individuals supported this measure. The Office of Planning, Blue Planet Foundation, and two concerned individuals opposed this measure. The Land Use Commission, Department of Agriculture, and three concerned individuals provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the no more than 25 kilowatt capacity restriction on solar energy facilities; and
- (2) Allowing a county with a resident population greater than 170,000 but fewer than 500,000 to require a special permit approval process for solar energy facilities with a capacity of more than 25 kilowatts.



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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2636, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2636, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Agriculture.

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



CHRIS LEE, Chair



State of Hawaii
 House of Representatives
 The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2636	Committee Referral: EEP, AGR, CPC	Date: 2-9-16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LEE, Chris (C)	/			
2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (VC)	/			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	/			
4. EVANS, Cindy	/			
5. ING, Kaniela	/			
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				/
7. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	/			
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
9. POUHA, Feki	/			
10. THIELEN, Cynthia	/			
TOTAL (10)	9	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Nicole E. Lowen</i></u>				
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