

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

548

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 484
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 484, 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 make the benefits of renewable energy generation more accessible to a greater number of Hawaii residents by requiring the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to establish a community-based renewable energy tariff or tariffs no later than January 1, 2016.

The Public Utilities Commission; Division of Consumer Advocacy, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii Green Growth; Blue Planet Foundation; and Ulupono Initiative supported this measure. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Hawaiian Electric Company, Maui Electric Company, and Hawaii Electric Light Company commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the requirement for community-based renewable energy projects of one megawatt or less to be subject to interconnection approval processes approved by the commission;

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- (2) Specifying that the community-based renewable energy tariff shall apply to community-based renewable energy projects that do not exceed megawatt limitations established by the Commission; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2112, to encourage further discussion.

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. 484, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 484, H.D. 2.

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



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 484, HD 1	Committee Referral: EEP, CPC, FIN	Date: 02/18/15		
<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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	✓			
2. WOODSON, Justin H. (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. BROWER, Tom	✓			
5. CREAGAN, Richard P.	✓			
6. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
7. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
8. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.				✓
9. LEE, Chris	✓			
10. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	✓			
11. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	✓			
12. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
13. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
14. YAMANE, Ryan I.				✓
15. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth	✓			
16. MCDERMOTT, Bob				✓
TOTAL (16)	13			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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