

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1123

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 27, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 1295
S.D. 1
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 Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 1295, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote renewable energy technology in Hawaii and support the State's economy by:

- (1) Allowing the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority to enter into inter-agency agreements with each other without entering into a memorandum of agreement or memorandum of understanding; and
- (2) Incentivizing the research, development, and commercialization of renewable energy technology in Hawaii by allowing business activities relating to energy produced by ocean thermal energy conversion, solar, or hydrogen and to technologies, including hydrogen research and development, to qualify a business for incentives under the State Enterprise Zone Program.



The Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority supported the measure. The Department of the Attorney General, Department of Taxation, and Tax Foundation of Hawaii submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended the measure by:

- (1) Deleting the provisions related to inter-agency agreements between the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority; and
- (2) Transferring the business-incentive provisions from Chapter 227D, Hawaii Revised Statutes (Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority), to Chapter 209E, Hawaii Revised Statutes (State Enterprise Zones), by amending the definition of "eligible business activity".

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 S.B. No. 1295, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1295, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

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.: SB 1295, SD1, HD1	Committee Referral: EDB, EEP, FIN	Date: 3/24/15		
<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)				
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)	8	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Nicole E. Lowen</i>				
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