

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 577

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2015

RE: S.B. No. 488
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 488, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require separate electricity utility metering of nonresidential and residential condominium units in all mixed-use condominium projects.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that the cost of the total electric consumption for most master-metered buildings is divided among units without taking into account a resident's individual consumption. This measure mandates individual electricity meters in condominiums, thereby requiring the consumer of the electricity used in each condominium unit to be financially responsible for that resident's own energy consumption. Your Committee notes that this measure also requires the cost of installing separate meters to be borne by condominium associations, rather than the electric utility. This ensures that all electric utility ratepayers will not subsidize these costs.

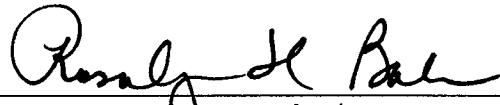
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 488, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 488, S.D. 2.

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

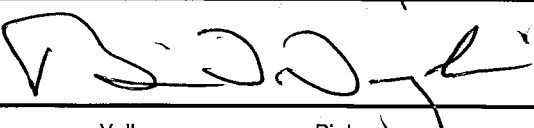


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
CPN

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB488 SD1	Committee Referral: ENE, CPN	Date: 2/24/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	6	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes