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Honolulu, Hawaii

April 30, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1273
H.D. 2
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

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

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

Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 1273, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to achieve the State's goals of energy security, energy independence, and food security by permitting the development of hydroelectric facilities in agricultural districts with a productivity rating of class A or B; provided that the facility and its appurtenances:

- (1) Have a hydroelectric generating capacity of not more than 500 kilowatts;
- (2) Comply with the State Water Code;
- (3) Are accessory to agricultural activities on agricultural land for agricultural use only; and



- (4) Do not adversely impact the use of agricultural land or the availability of surface or ground water for uses on all parcels served thereby.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2015.

A technical, nonsubstantive amendment was also made for clarity, style, and consistency.

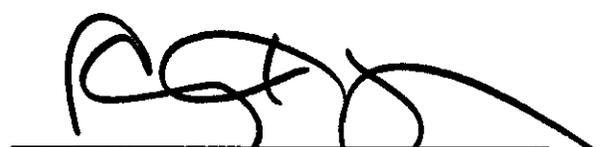
As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1273, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1273, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

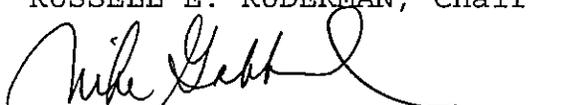
Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

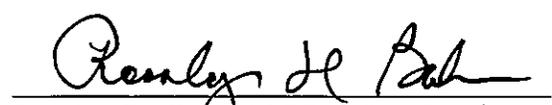
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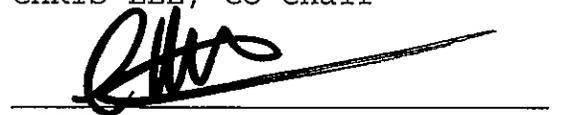

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