

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1286  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Energy and Environment and Water and Land,  
to which was referred H.B. No. 1286, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the  
following as added or amended Hawaii State Plan objectives and  
policies relating to state energy facility systems:

- (1) Elimination of the State's dependence on imported fuels  
for electrical generation and ground transportation to  
increase energy security and self-sufficiency;
- (2) Diversification of energy generation;
- (3) Consideration of utility models that place the social  
and financial interests of the State's ratepayers first;
- (4) Increased energy efficiency and decreased energy use in  
public infrastructure; and
- (5) Ensuring that fossil fuels such as liquefied natural gas  
be used only as a transitional, limited-term replacement  
of petroleum for electricity generation and not impede  
the development of renewable energy sources.



Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance; Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.; and three individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and one individual.

Your Committees find that a stronger local economy depends on a transition away from imported fuels and toward renewable local resources that provide a source of affordable energy. Updating the energy objectives and policies relating to state energy facility systems will benefit Hawaii's economy by ensuring that Hawaii moves beyond its dependence on imported fuels and continues to grow a local renewable energy industry, furthering Hawaii's goals of energy security, self-sufficiency, and sustainability.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the increased energy security and self-sufficiency objective to include the reduction of, in addition to the elimination of, the State's dependence on imported fuels for electrical generation and ground transportation and to delete the reference to an increase in the ratio of indigenous to imported energy use;
- (2) Clarifying that consideration be given to utility models that make the social and financial interests of the State's utility customers a priority; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy and Environment and Water and Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1286, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1286, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Energy and  
Environment and Water and Land,

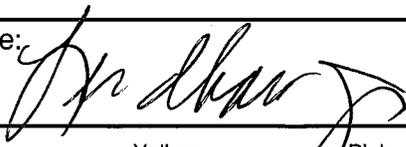
  
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LAURA H. THIELEN, Chair

  
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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Energy and Environment**  
**ENE**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB1286, HD2	ENE/WTL, CPN	3/24/15		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
GREEN, Josh (VC)				✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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