

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1316

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 31, 2015

RE: H.C.R. No. 227

H.D. 1

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 H.C.R. No. 227 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES  
COMMISSION TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN REVIEWING THE  
PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC INDUSTRIES BY  
NEXTERA ENERGY, INC,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect the public interest  
in reviewing the proposed acquisition of the Hawaiian Electric  
Companies by NextEra Energy, Inc., by requesting the Public  
Utilities Commission to make various determinations regarding  
whether the proposed acquisition is beneficial to the State and  
its people and to consider imposing strict conditions on the  
proposed acquisition.

Inter-Island Solar Supply; Hoomana Pono, LLC; The Alliance  
for Solar Choice; and two concerned individuals supported the  
measure. NextEra Energy, Inc., supported the intent of the  
measure. A concerned individual testified in opposition. The  
Public Utilities Commission, Division of Consumer Advocacy of the  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaiian Electric  
Company, Hawaii Electric Light Company, Maui Electric Company,  
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1260,  
and a concerned individual submitted comments.

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Your Committee has amended the measure by:

- (1) Adjusting and increasing both the number and specificity of the various determinations that the Public Utilities Commission is requested to make regarding whether the proposed acquisition is beneficial to the State and its people;
- (2) Urging the Public Utilities Commission to adopt the recommendation of the Consumer Advocate and establish a procedural schedule that would have the regulatory review process completed by June 2016 to allow for a complete and thorough review of the concerns raised by the merger application docket;
- (3) Extending the deadline by which the Public Utilities Commission is requested to submit its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the House of Representatives to no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 227, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 227, H.D. 1.

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**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HCR 227	<b>Committee Referral:</b> EEP, CPC	<b>Date:</b> 3/24/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
<b>EEP Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
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	/			
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	8	0	0	2
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <i>Nicole E. Lowen</i>				
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