

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 7, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1927
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1927 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOLAR TAX CREDITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide a tax credit for individual and corporate taxpayers that give to schools either solar-powered air conditioning units or solar energy systems specifically designed to provide electricity for air conditioning units.

The Department of Education, Blue Planet Foundation, Hawaii Solar Energy Association, Hi-Power Solar and an individual provided testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Taxation and the Tax Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Blanking out the percentage of actual cost used to calculate the tax credit for providing solar-powered air conditioning units or solar energy systems to schools;
- (2) Specifying that the unit or system provided to the school must have been donated to the Department of Education for free and that the donor cannot also claim a charitable deduction; and



- (3) 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1927, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1927, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Education.

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.: HB 1927	Committee Referral: EEP, EDN, FIN	Date: 2/4/16		
<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)	10	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 8pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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