

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 8, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1986
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1986 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism to establish a Carbon Offsets Program to allow state agencies and other interested parties to acquire carbon offset credits to offset their respective carbon emissions and use the resulting proceeds to fund projects that improve the State's water infrastructure or mitigate threats to water sustainability efforts due to climate change.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Office of Planning, Sierra Club of Hawai'i, The Nature Conservancy, Distributed Energy Resources Council of Hawaii, We Are One, Inc., Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and several individuals supported this measure. Life of the Land and two individuals opposed this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawaii Farm Bureau provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to January 28, 2045, to encourage further discussion.



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. 1986, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1986, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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-ninth Legislature

HSCA 154-18

Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1986	Committee Referral: EEP, CPC, FIN	Date: 1/30/18		
<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. KONG, Sam Satoru	/			
5. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	/			
6. TODD, Chris	/			
7. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
8. MCDERMOTT, Bob	/			
TOTAL (8)	8	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: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Nicole E. Lowen</i></u>				
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