

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2329

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2935
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Energy, to which was referred S.B. No. 2935 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adopt state appliance efficiency standards that are modeled after California's efficiency standards.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii Energy, Natural Resources Defense Council, Blue Planet Foundation, and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers.

Your Committee finds that energy efficiency standards have been adopted by a number of states. These energy efficiency standards can help lower energy bills for families. However, manufacturers might unload less efficient appliances to states that do not have energy efficiency standards, increasing utility bills for residents of these states by a considerable amount - in Hawaii, residents risk losing millions of dollars in electricity costs. By adopting energy efficiency standards, Hawaii can avoid



becoming a "dumping ground" of older equipment and save its residents millions of dollars over time.

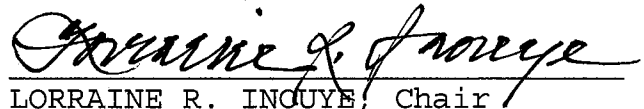
Your Committee received testimony from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs expressing concern about the Department's ability to oversee the program. Your Committee also received testimony indicating that some appliances listed in this measure are not in California's efficiency standards.

Thus, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the agency adopting and overseeing the appliance efficiency standards from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to the Hawaii State Energy Office;
- (2) Removing portable air purifiers from the list of appliances that must meet appliance efficiency standards; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Energy that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2935, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2935, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Energy,


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Transportation and Energy
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2935	Committee Referral: TRE, CPH	Date: 2/9/2018		
<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
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	x			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	x			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	x			
HARIMOTO, Breene	x			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	x			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Will Espero</div>				
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