

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 8, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2248  
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. 2248 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaii Energy, Blue Planet Foundation, and an individual supported this measure. The Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers opposed this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs provided comments.

Your Committee finds that, according to a 2017 national study from the Appliance Standards Awareness Project and The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, adopting appliance efficiency standards could save Hawaii nearly \$1,000,000,000 in electricity costs over twenty years, which is the equivalent of about \$215 annually for each Hawaii household. Furthermore, according to the "States Go First" report by the Appliance Standards Awareness Project, faucets, showerheads, and computer and monitor standards alone could potentially save Hawaii



\$35,000,000 in annual utility bill savings and 118 gigawatt hours annually in electricity by 2035, assuming full compliance by 2020.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing air purifiers from appliance energy efficiency standards; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity 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. 2248, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2248, 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,



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CHRIS LEE, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-ninth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2248	Committee Referral: EEP, CPC, FIN	Date: 2/6/2018		
<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)	7	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Nicole E. Lowen</i>				
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