

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 921

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 20 2015

RE: H.B. No. 264
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 264, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Public Utilities Commission, by July 1, 2016, to establish a process of establishing integrated energy districts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Renewable Energy Action Coalition of Hawaii, Hawaii Solar Energy Association, Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Division of Consumer Advocacy and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that integrated energy districts, energy generation grids that allow for the collective generation and distribution of power from renewable sources, have increasingly become economically feasible for states and communities. Integrated energy districts are a secure and reliable power source, create clean and renewable energy, earn revenue through the sale of excess energy, reduce grid congestion, and lessen the strain on the central grid. Implementation of this measure will

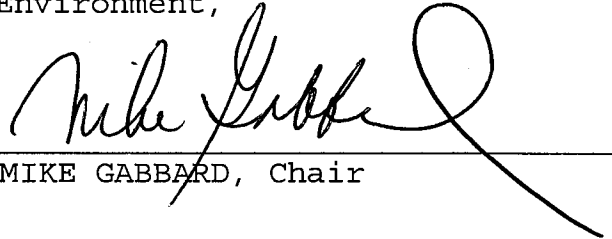


provide better assurance that the State achieves its renewable energy goals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 264, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 264, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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

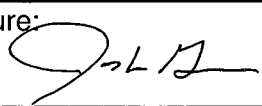


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB 264, HD 2	ENE, CPN	3-17-15
<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	
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓	
GREEN, Josh (VC)	✓	
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓	
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓	
SLOM, Sam		✓
TOTAL	4	0
0	0	1
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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