

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 962

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 20, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 1096
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 1096, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ON-BILL PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that electric utilities serving as billing and collections agents in a purely "pass-through" capacity for any on-bill financing or repayment program are exempt from various state or county taxes and state laws regulating financial institutions, escrow depositories, and collection agencies.

The Department of Taxation; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Blue Planet Foundation; Hawaiian Electric Company; Hawaii Electric Light Company; Maui Electric Company; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; and two concerned individuals supported the measure. The Public Utilities Commission supported the measure with amendments. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by broadening the definitions of "on-bill obligation" and "on-bill program" to also include the acquisition of renewable energy, energy efficiency, or energy conservation systems. Other technical, nonsubstantive amendments were made for clarity, style, and consistency.

SB1096 HD1 HSCR EEP HMS 2015-2653



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 S.B. No. 1096, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1096, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,



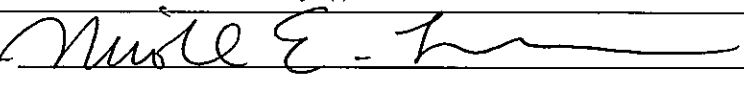
CHRIS LEE, Chair



State of Hawaii
 House of Representatives
 The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 1096, SDI	Committee Referral: EEP, CPC, FIN	Date: 3/17/15		
<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)	9	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u></u>				
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