

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 8, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2570  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2570 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY MODERNIZATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage and facilitate the deployment of microgrids in the State by preventing counties from requiring buildings served by a microgrid to connect to another source of power and by excluding certain microgrids from regulation as a public utility.

The Alliance for Solar Choice and a few individuals provided testimony in support of this measure. The Public Utilities Commission provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that microgrids under twenty-five kilowatts are excluded from regulation as a public utility.

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. 2570, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2570, 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-eighth Legislature

HSCR 85-16

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 2570</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EEP, CPC, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/4/16</b>		
<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	/			
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	9	1	/	/
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: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Nicole E. Lowen</i></u>				
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