

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 8, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1801
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. 1801 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to continue efforts to achieve a one hundred per cent renewable portfolio standard and increase Hawaii's reliance on renewable energy by:

- (1) Establishing gas utility company renewable portfolio standards for electricity generation; and
- (2) Amending the statutory definition of renewable portfolio standard to more accurately reflect the percentage of renewable energy penetration in the State.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Distributed Energy Resources Council of Hawaii, Hawaii Interfaith Power and Light, Life of the Land, Sierra Club of Hawaii, Ulupono Initiative, 350Hawaii.org, Blue Planet Foundation, Surfrider Foundation, Independent Issue Advocate, Grenatec, We Are One, Inc. -www.WeAreOne.cc -WAO, League of Women Voters, Bio Carbon Solutions Global, and numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs testified in support



of the intent of this measure. Hawaii Gas, Hawaiian Electric Company, Hawaii Electric Light Company, Maui Electric Company, and a concerned individual testified in opposition to this measure. The Public Utilities Commission provided comments.

Your Committee notes that concerns were raised by various stakeholders that the current language applying renewable portfolio standards to gas utilities contained in this measure may lead to confusion and misinterpretation leading to unintended consequences. Your Committee further notes that the various stakeholders have stated that they are in discussions to develop language to address some of these concerns. Should your Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce deliberate on this measure further, your Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection respectfully requests that it take these concerns, and any proposed language developed by the various stakeholders, into consideration.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to January 28, 2045, to facilitate further discussion.

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. 1801, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1801, 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,



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 1801	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. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Nicole E. Lowen</i></u>				
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