STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2010 -22

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 18 ' 2022

RE: S.C.R. No. 48 S.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2022 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 48, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY, TO CONSIDER EFFORTS TO MITIGATE HIGH ENERGY BURDENS FOR LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME CUSTOMERS AND INVESTIGATE HOW TO INTEGRATE CONSIDERATIONS OF ENERGY EQUITY AND JUSTICE ACROSS ITS WORK,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the Division of Consumer Advocacy, to consider efforts to mitigate high energy burdens for low- and moderate-income customers and investigate how to integrate considerations of energy equity and justice across its work.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii State Energy Office, Public Utilities Commission, and Climate Protectors Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that despite Hawaii having the highest electricity rates in the nation, the electric utilities in the State do not offer utility specific low- to moderate-income

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discount rates and have limited, if any, bill assistance options. Therefore, it is critical to assist low- and limited-income customers by reducing their residential electricity burden and ensuring continued access to electrical power.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 48, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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

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NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: Committee Referral: Date:				
SCR 48, SDI EEP April 14, 2022				
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold				
☐ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)				
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3. HASHEM, Mark J.				
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J. TERROSO, Amy A.				
6. TODD, Chris				
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren				
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The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
On in the State of				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Mode E. Jones				
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