

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3773**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2685
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2685, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to equitably expand access to clean energy.

More specifically, this measure establishes:

- (1) The Solar Hui Program, in which multi-family residential property owners may co-invest in solar systems for low- and moderate-income households;
- (2) The solar hui investment fund; and
- (3) A Solar Hui Program Fund Manager position.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority, Blue Planet Foundation, Climate Protectors Hawaii, Hawaii Executive Collaborative's Climate Coalition, Hawaii REALTORS, and 350 Hawaii.



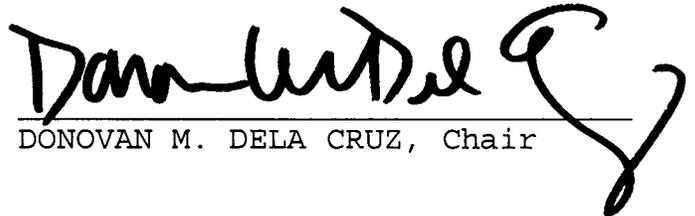
Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy.

Your Committee finds that the equitable expansion of solar energy provided by this measure will help the State reach its renewable energy and decarbonization goals.

Your Committee notes that, in its written comments, the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority requested an appropriation of \$125,000 plus fringe out of the Hawaii green infrastructure special fund for the implementation of the Solar Hui Program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2685, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2085 HD2 SD1	EET, WAM	4/15/2024		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				X
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
TOTAL	11	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____				
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