

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1745-24

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22, 2024

RE: H.C.R. No. 120

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 120 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ORDER HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC TO CONTINUE TO DEPLOY AND PURSUE COMMUNITY-BASED RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Public Utilities Commission to order Hawaiian Electric to continue to deploy and pursue community-based renewable energy projects.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Elemental Excelsior; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Hawaii PV Coalition; and Solar United Neighbors. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that community-based renewable energy projects help make renewable energy accessible to individuals who are unable to install their own solar energy systems. Your Committee further finds that in a status update requested by the Public Utilities Commission, Hawaiian Electric recommended that Phase 2, Tranche 2 of its Community-Based Renewable Energy Project be paused, which would delay the installation of additional community-based renewable energy projects. This measure requests

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that the Public Utilities Commission order Hawaiian Electric to continue Phase 2, Tranche 2 of the Project and continue to issue requests for proposals for the Community-Based Renewable Energy Program.

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 H.C.R. No. 120 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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


NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 120	Committee Referral: EEP, CPC	Date: 3/21/24		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. COCHRAN, Elle (VC)	✓			
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega				✓
4. KAHALOA, Kirstin				✓
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
6. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
7. WARD, Gene				✓
TOTAL (7)	4			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Elle Cochran</i>				
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