

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

781

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 338
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred H.B. No. 338, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to specify that adjustments
required to compensate for certain unavoidable increases in
financing costs, if proven by a producer of nonfossil fuel
generated electricity by clear and convincing evidence, are
mechanisms for reasonable and appropriate incremental adjustments
that the Public Utilities Commission may include in the rate
payable to the producer.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawai'i State Energy Office; Public Utilities Commission;
Hawaii Clean Power Alliance; Longroad Energy; AES Hawai'i; and
Ameresco. Your Committee received comments on this measure from
the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Hawaiian
Electric.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's energy project developers
are facing a dynamic situation regarding interest rates,
exacerbated by the 2023 Maui wildfires. The relatively long
project development, approval, and construction timelines of
energy projects also contribute to difficulty in maintaining

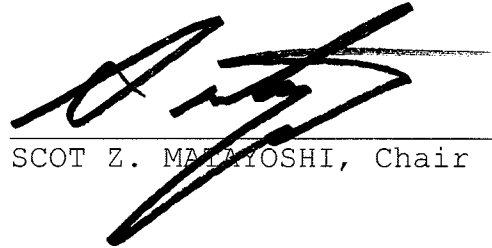
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static terms for financing. This measure will support the ability of independent power producers to successfully finance their projects and enter into agreements with Hawaii's electric utilities, which will ensure the financial viability of renewable energy projects and help the State achieve its renewable energy goals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 338, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



SCOT Z. MATAYOSHI, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 338, HD1	Committee Referral: EEP, CPC, FIN	Date: 2/13/25		
<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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (C)	✓			
2. CHUN, Cory M. (VC)	✓			
3. ILAGAN, Greggor	✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
5. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco	✓			
6. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
7. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
8. MARTEN, Lisa	✓			
9. TAM, Adrian K.	✓			
10. PIERICK, Elijah				✓
TOTAL (10)	9			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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