

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

587

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 350
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 Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 350, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand the types of water heater systems required for the issuance of a building permit for new single-family dwellings to include ENERGY STAR certified heat pump water heaters.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Energy Office; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; and Hawai'i Energy. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Inter-Island Solar Supply and Hawaii Solar Energy Association.

Your Committee finds that the rising cost of living has made it increasingly difficult for homeowners to manage utility expenses, particularly in new residential construction. Many new homes continue to be built without energy-efficient water heating systems, which increases the overall cost of homeownership and contributes to the State's energy consumption. ENERGY STAR certified heat pump water heaters are highly energy efficient and have the potential to provide grid support and cost savings, with even greater benefits in the future. This measure will help

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lessen the financial burden associated with homeownership by reducing the cost of utilities by requiring more energy efficient systems to be installed in new construction.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 350, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Housing,



LUKE A. EVSLIN, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB350 HDI	Committee Referral: EED, HSG, CPC	Date: 2/12/25
<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)	

HSG Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. EVSLIN, Luke A. (C)	✓			
2. MIYAKE, Tyson K. (VC)	✓			
3. COCHRAN, Elle				✓
4. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada	✓			
5. KILA, Darius K.	✓			
6. KITAGAWA, Lisa	✓			
7. LA CHICA, Trish	✓			
8. MURAOKA, Christopher L.	✓			
9. PIERICK, Elijah	✓			
TOTAL (9)	8	0	0	1

The recommendation is: ☒ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted

If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: *Tyson Miyake*

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