

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

93

Honolulu, Hawaii

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, 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 Energy & Environmental Protection, to which
was referred H.B. No. 350 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 Hawaii State Energy Office and Hawai'i Energy. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from The Solaray
Corporation dba Inter-Island Solar Supply and the Hawaii Solar
Energy Association.

Your Committee finds that ENERGY STAR certified heat pump
water heaters offer an environmentally friendly and energy-
efficient alternative to traditional electric water heaters. Your
Committee further finds that these types of water heaters do not
currently satisfy the water heater system requirements for the
issuance of a building permit for new single-family dwellings.
This measure addresses this issue by expanding the types of water
heater systems that satisfy this requirement to ENERGY STAR
certified heat pump water heaters.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee notes and will continue to consider the amendment suggested by the Solaray Corporation to allow only ENERGY STAR certified heat pump water heaters that meet or exceed the average efficiency of solar water heaters to be added to this measure.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 350, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 350, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Housing.

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


NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 350		Committee Referral: EEP, HSG, CPC		Date: 1/28/25	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)		✓			
3. KAHALOA, Kirstin		✓			
4. KUSCH, Matthias		✓			
5. QUINLAN, Sean		✓			
6. WARD, Gene					✓
TOTAL (6)		5			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Amy Perruso</i></u>					
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