

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1046

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28, 2025

RE: H.B. No. 350
H.D. 2

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. 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; Hawai'i Energy; Kaua'i Climate Action Coalition; and two
individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to
this measure from one individual. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from Inter-Island Solar Supply and Hawaii
Solar Energy Association.

Your Committee finds that the reduction of energy consumption
is an important component of the State's energy policy. Solar
water heaters can save residents up to forty percent on their
overall electric bills, which is why the State, in 2010, mandated
that newly constructed single-family homes be equipped with solar
water heaters. However, some homes may have limited sunlight
exposure, which makes solar water heating less effective.



Your Committee further finds that ENERGY STAR certified heat pump water heaters are also viable, energy saving options. Those water heaters are two to three times more efficient than conventional water heaters and are able to participate in demand-response and time-of-use programs. This measure therefore adds ENERGY STAR certified heat pump water heaters as an option for newly constructed single-family homes.

Your Committee amended this measure by replacing the definition of "heat pump water heater" with "heat pump" and further amending that defined term.

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. 350, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 350, H.D. 2.

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 350 , #D1	Committee Referral: EED, HSG, CPC	Date: 2/19/25		
<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)				
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)	10			
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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