

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1872

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 14 2025

RE: H.C.R. No. 58  
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 58, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO CONVENE A GEOTHERMAL ENERGY WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE THE REGULATORY AND POLICY LANDSCAPE SURROUNDING GEOTHERMAL ENERGY IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Hawaii State Energy Office to convene a Geothermal Energy Working Group to evaluate the regulatory and policy landscape surrounding geothermal energy in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Public Utilities Commission, Hawaii State Energy Office, Ulupono Initiative, Coalition Earth, Sustainable Energy Hawai'i, and two individuals.

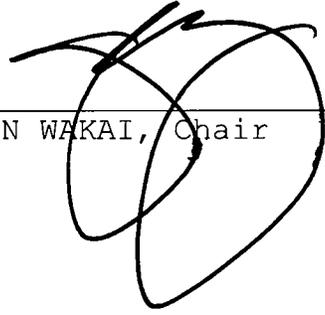
Your Committee finds that geothermal energy has the potential to play a significant role in meeting Hawaii's energy objectives of reliability, affordability, and diversification, and that the State could benefit from further evaluation of this renewable energy source. This measure aims to provide a coordinated, transparent, and community-inclusive process to evaluate and identify any clear development pathways for this alternative firm



renewable energy resource that aligns with state policy,  
environmental stewardship, and cultural sensitivity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your  
Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs that is attached  
to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose  
of H.C.R. No. 58, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy and  
Intergovernmental Affairs,

  
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GLENN WAKAI, Chair



