

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1267

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 14, 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1269  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

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

Madame:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and  
Economic Development & Technology, to which was referred S.B. No.  
1269, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the  
exploration and identification of geothermal resources and  
commercial viability for utility-scale geothermal production.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and  
Tourism; Ulupono Initiative; Life of the Land; Hawaiian Electric;  
Coalition Earth; Waikā Consulting, LLC; Innovations Development  
Group; and seven individuals. Your Committees received testimony  
in opposition to this measure from Hulu Mamo Hawaiian Civic Club  
and numerous individuals. Your Committees received comments on  
this measure from Sustainable Energy Hawai'i and three individuals.

Your Committees find that geothermal energy presents a stable  
and viable alternative to biofuels, with significant potential for  
more utility-scale development on Hawaii island. Additional  
funding is necessary to support ongoing geothermal exploration,  
commercial viability assessments, and community outreach to ensure



strategic and effective geothermal resource development. This measure advances geothermal energy exploration and facilitates large-scale geothermal power station development.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that funds shall not be used for drilling purposes, including exploratory, test, or production wells, or within a fifteen-mile radius of an existing geothermal power plant that is currently providing electricity to the grid;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$6,000,000.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Economic Development & Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1269, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1269, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Energy &  
Environmental Protection and  
Economic Development &  
Technology,



GREGGOR ILAGAN, Chair



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



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The Thirty-third Legislature

*HB CR 1267*

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">SB1269 SD1</span>	<b>Committee Referral:</b> <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">EEP/ECD, CPC, FIN</span>	<b>Date:</b> <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">3/13/25</span>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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				✓
<b>TOTAL (6)</b>	4			2
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: -10px;">             committee acronym(s)         </div>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <span style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Amy Perruso</span>				
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1. ILAGAN, Greggor (C)		/			
2. HUSSEY, Ikaika (VC)			/		
3. HOLT, Daniel					/
4. TAM, Adrian K.		/			
5. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann		/			
6. TODD, Chris		/			
7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren		/			
TOTAL (7)		5	1		1
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