Honolulu, Hawaii

Fely 2, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2619

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2619 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that electric utility companies are afforded an opportunity to earn a fair rate of return under any proposed utility ratemaking structure, instead of guaranteeing that the utility companies' profit margin will not decrease.

The Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Public Utilities Commission, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Hawaii Energy Policy Forum, Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance, Rocky Mountain Institute, PowerLight Corporation, and Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning, LLC, testified in support of the bill. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii supported the intent of the 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. 2619 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

Munue Morita

HERMINA MORITA, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.:	2619	Date:	-31-06			
Committee Referral: EEP, CF		☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended		☐ Pa	☐ Pass, with amendments			
	☐ Hold	□ Re	ecommit			
EEP Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. MORITA, Hermina M	1. (C)	V .				
2. EVANS, Cindy (VC)						
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.						
4. CARROLL, Mele 5. HARBIN, Bev						
6. KANOHO, Ezra R.		$\overline{}$			V	
7. SCHATZ, Brian						
8. WATERS, Tommy		<u></u>				
9. PINE, Kymberly						
10. THIELEN, Cynthia						
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TOTAL		\mathcal{S}			2	
The recommendation is:	Adopted					
	□ Not Adopted					
If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)						
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
Rep Cindy Evans						
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