STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1529

Honolulu, Hawaii APR 04 2007

RE: S.C.R. No. 53

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 53 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE USE OF COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce Hawaii's dependence on fossil fuels by encouraging the use of higher efficiency lighting.

Specifically, this measure requests that all state government and all county and local government facilities replace incandescent light bulbs with Energy Star qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs by January 1, 2010.

Further, this measure requests the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, serving as the statewide Energy Resources Coordinator, to be charged with encouraging private consumers to use Energy Star qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs in lieu of incandescent light bulbs by establishing incentive programs, such as rebate and discount programs, and by educating the public with regard to the benefits of Energy Star qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association; Philips Lighting; Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the cost of electricity will be increasingly more expensive as long as we depend on fossil fuels to generate electric power. Your Committee further finds that compact fluorescent light bulbs last longer, emit less heat, and use approximately seventy-five per cent less energy than incandescent light bulbs.

Your Committee amended this measure by adding the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to the individuals that are to receive a certified copy of this resolution.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 53, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 53, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Energy and Environment,

RON MENOR, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

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HOOSER, Gary L. (VC)	V			
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KOKUBUN, Russell S.				
TRIMBLE, Gordon				
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