STAND. COM. REP. NO. 299

Honolulu, Hawaii

Fey 18, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1270 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1270 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to encourage the use of nonfossil fuel generated electricity, helping the state reduce the amount of fossil fuel imported and consumed in Hawaii, by enabling the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to establish rates that will support implementation of appropriate renewable energy resources while maintaining a standard of just and reasonable rates.

The Hawaii Energy Policy Forum, Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc., Maui Electric Company, Ltd., Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance, Alexander & Baldwin, Inc., Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company, Blue Planet Foundation, Hawaii Solar Energy Association, SunPower Systems Corporation, and Dowling Company, Inc., testified in support of this bill. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and PUC offered comments.



Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1)Clarifying that "cost-effective" also means the ability to produce or purchase electric energy or firm capacity from renewable energy resources at costs the PUC determines to be just and reasonable; and
- (2)Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency and style.

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. 1270, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1270, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

Nemma Worter HERMINA MORITA, Chair

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

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	A 03550 PA 24050 S MAY 20 A 340 S M 93 A 340 S M 93 A 340 S M 94		
HB 1270	EEP, CPC 2-10-09			]
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  □ Pass, unamended (as is) □ Pass, with amendments (HD) □ Hold □ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
<b>EEP Members</b>	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MORITA, Hermina M. (C)				
2. COFFMAN, Denny (VC)				
3. CABANILLA, Rida				
4. CHANG, Jerry L.	V			
5. CHONG, Pono				
6. HAR, Sharon E.				
7. HERKES, Robert N.		5 (1.00 m)		
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8. ITO, Ken				
9. LEE, Chris				
	Charles and Charles			
10. LUKE, Sylvia				
11. SAGUM, Roland D., III				
11. DAGOWI, Kolaliu D., III				
12. CHING, Corinne W.L.				
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13. THIELEN, Cynthia				
TOTAL (13)		0	0	2
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:  Denny Coffee				
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