STAND. COM. REP. NO. 254

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 464 S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 464 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make amendments to the Hawaii Renewable Energy Tax Credit by:

- (1) Making it refundable;
- (2) Removing the restriction on the type of income that it can be used to offset;
- (3) Making it specially allocable; and
- (4) Making it available to Hawaii insurance companies.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by eight private organizations. The Department of Taxation submitted testimony in support of the intent of the measure, with comments. Copies of written testimony are available for review on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that, as currently drafted, the Hawaii Renewable Energy Tax Credit has very limited appeal as a financial incentive. This measure expands the class of investors who can use the credit, thereby attracting much more investment capital to renewable energy in Hawaii.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive stylistic amendments to the proposed section 235-12.5(h)(2), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to conform that provision with other sections of this measure.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 464, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 464, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Environment

MIKE GABBARD, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Fifth Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes Committee on Energy and Environment ENE

Bill / Resolution No.:* Committee Referral: Date: SB 464 ENE, WAM 12 Feb 2009					
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)		/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)					
GREEN, M.D., Josh					
HOOSER, Gary L.		/,			
IHARA, Jr., Les					
KOKUBUN, Russell S.					
HEMMINGS, Fred				******	
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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