

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

845

Honolulu, Hawaii

March , 2009

RE: H.B. No. 279  
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 279, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to support renewable energy development in Hawaii by:

- (1) Establishing a Renewable Energy Branch within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) to coordinate and manage renewable energy initiatives;
- (2) Establishing additional duties for the Energy Resources Coordinator to promote renewable energy initiatives; and
- (3) Appropriating \$393,518 for fiscal year 2009-2010 and for fiscal year 2010-2011 for seven full-time temporary energy analysts to meet the additional renewable energy responsibilities set forth in this bill.

DBEDT supported this bill. The Blue Planet Foundation submitted comments.

To encourage further discussion, your Committee has amended this measure by changing:

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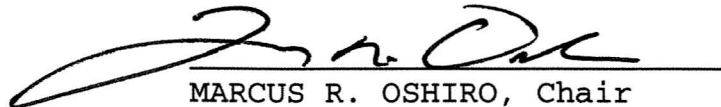


- (1) The amount of the appropriation for the seven full-time temporary energy analysts to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Its effective date to July 1, 2020.

Other technical, nonsubstantive amendments were made for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 279, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 279, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



