

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

434

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2009

RE: S.B. No. 878  
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 Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which  
was referred S.B. No. 878 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLICATION OF HEARING  
NOTICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce administrative costs  
by allowing the Public Utilities Commission to streamline and  
update its notice process for public hearings on rate changes and  
ratemaking procedures.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of  
Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Public Utilities Commission.  
Copies of written testimony are available for review on the  
Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that the current law's requirement that  
the Public Utilities Commission publish notice of rate hearings in  
newspapers statewide is duplicative and unnecessary in the context  
of concurrent requirements that the Commission also provide notice  
via direct mailings to affected consumers. Publishing hearing  
notices statewide is unnecessary for hearings that only affect  
utility consumers on certain islands.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical,  
nonsubstantive changes to clarify the language of the measure.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 878, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 878, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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**Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**  
**CPN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 878</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">CPN</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">02/13/09</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
IGE, David Y. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	7	0	0	0
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted           <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">David Y. Ige</div>				
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