

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 1, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2238

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2238 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to clarify Hawaii's Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) law by amending the definition of "renewable electrical energy" to include customer-sited, grid-connected renewable energy generation, beginning January 1, 2015.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Office of Consumer Protection of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Sierra Club-Hawaii Chapter; Public Utilities Commission; Hawaiian Electric Company; Maui Electric Company; and Hawaii Electric Light Company testified in support of this bill. Island Pacific Energy and Blue Planet Foundation testified in opposition to this measure. The Hawaii Solar Energy Association and Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance offered comments.

Your Committee finds, with respect to RPS, that beginning January 1, 2015, customer-sited, grid-connected renewable-energy systems (customer-sited systems) will no longer be included in the category of "electric energy savings." Your Committee notes that this bill will make it explicit that beginning January 1, 2015, customer-cited systems will be in the "electrical energy generated" category.



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. 2238 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

Hermina Morita

HERMINA MORITA, Chair



State of Hawaii
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The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2238	Committee Referral: EEP, CPC	Date: 28 DE 1-26-10		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MORITA, Hermina M. (C)	✓			
2. COFFMAN, Denny (VC)	✓			
3. CABANILLA, Rida	✓			
4. CHANG, Jerry L.	✓			
5. CHONG, Pono	✓			
6. HAR, Sharon E.				✓
7. HERKES, Robert N.	✓			
8. ITO, Ken	✓			
9. LEE, Chris	✓			
10. LUKE, Sylvia				✓
11. SAGUM, Roland D., III	✓			
12. CHING, Corinne W.L.	✓			
13. THIELEN, Cynthia				✓
TOTAL (13)	10	0	0	3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Denny Coffman</i></u>				
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