STAND. COM. REP. NO. 14 20

Honolulu, Hawaii April 5, 2011

RE: S.B. No. 1482 S.D. 1 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2011 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 1482, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to require the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to consider:

- (1) The need to reduce the State's reliance on fossil fuels through energy efficiency; and
- (2) The impacts of using fossil fuels when making determinations of the reasonableness of the costs of utility system capital improvements and operations.

The bill also allows PUC to determine that short-term costs or direct costs that are higher than alternatives relying more heavily on fossil fuels are reasonable.

The Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Sierra Club of Hawaii, and the Blue Planet Foundation supported this measure. Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance supported the intent of this measure. Western States Petroleum Association and a concerned individual opposed this bill. PUC and an individual provided comments.

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Your Committee amended this bill by changing its effective date to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1482, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1482, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

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

ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair





Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 1482 SD1 Committee	EEP, CPC	Date:	3/21	2011
□ 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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)				
2. YAMANE, Ryan I. (VC)				
3. BROWER, Tom				
4. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				
5. CARROLL, Mele				
6. ITO, Ken				
7. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.			-	
8. LUKE, Sylvia			·······	
9. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				
10. MORITA, Hermina M.				
11. OSHIRO, Blake K.				
12. SOUKI, Joseph M.				
13. TSUJI, Clift				
14. CHING, Corinne W.L.				
15. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.		·		
16. THIELEN, Cynthia			~	
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TOTAL (16) (5)	11		/	3
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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