STAND. COM. REP. NO. Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2013 han RE: H.B. No. 812

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 812 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide the Public Utilities Commission with the flexibility to hire personnel necessary to meet changing regulatory needs.

The Public Utilities Commission and the Consumer Advocate testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee finds that the specific staff position descriptions for the Public Utilities Commission were established by section 269-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and Act 177, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, in response to a 2004 legislative audit and a subsequent study by the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum. Since the passage of those measures, however, the State has adopted progressive energy policies that may require the agency to hire key personnel that were not contemplated by the earlier legislation. Your Committee finds that this measure will provide the Public Utilities Commission with the flexibility to adjust its staffing as necessary to meet future regulatory challenges.

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



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purpose of H.B. No. 812 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

Bill/Resolution No.: HB & 12	Committee Referral: CPC, FIN		Date: 2/11/13	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Image: Pass, unamended (as is) Image: Pass, with amendments (HD) Image: Hold   Image: Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) Image: Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)				
2. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K. (VC)	V			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				•
4. BROWER, Tom				
5. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				
6. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
7. CARROLL, Mele				
8. EVANS, Cindy	· · ·			•
9. HAR, Sharon E.				
10. ITO, Ken				
11. LEE, Chris				
12. TSUJI, Clift	/			
13. YAMANE, Ryan I.				
14. MCDERMOTT, Bob	V			
15. THIELEN, Cynthia	-			
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TOTAL (15)	9	0	0	6
The recommendation is: Adopted D Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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