STAND. COM. REP. NO. 160 Honolulu, Hawaii March 6 , 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1504 H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1504, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to discover whether Hawaii's energy public utilities, as structured, appropriately serve the interests of ratepayers and the public. Specifically, this measure authorizes and funds a study to assess and compare Hawaii's for-profit energy utilities with specific publicly or cooperatively owned energy utilities in the United States. Additionally, this measure imposes a cap on interconnection costs that is based on national averages.

Hawaii Solar Energy Association provided testimony in support of the measure. The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, State Procurement Office, Public Utilities Commission, Legislative Reference Bureau, and Hawaiian Electric, and its subsidiary utilities Maui Electric and Hawaii Electric Light, provided comments.

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. 1504, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-eighth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1504, HD2	Committee Referral: EEP, CPC, FIN	: 3/3/15		
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)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				
5. DECOITE, Lynn				
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling				
7. JORDAN, Jo				, ma
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
10. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
12. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				***
14. POUHA, Feki				
15. WARD, Gene			-	
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TOTAL (15)	14			
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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