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Honolulu, Hawaii **PEDNAM IM**, 2016 RE: H.B. No. 2570

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2016 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 2570, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY MODERNIZATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage and facilitate the development of electrical power microgrids in the State.

Specifically, the measure promotes the development of microgrids by:

- Prohibiting counties from requiring buildings that are served by a microgrid to be connected to an otherwise available source of electrical power; and
- (2) Exempting certain microgrids from being regulated as a public utility.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Alliance for Solar Choice. Written comments were received from the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that a microgrid is a localized electrical system composed of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources within clearly defined electrical boundaries. Your Committee further finds that this measure will remove regulatory hurdles to alternative energy development and enable

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customers to explore the development of microgrids and ensure that Hawaii continues to be on the forefront of clean energy initiatives.

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 H.B. No. 2570, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-eighth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2570 HS		e Referral: CPC FIN	Date:	2-17-	16
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. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)		١			
2. WOODSON, Justin H. (VC)					
3. BELATTI, Della Au					
4. BROWER, Tom					
5. CREAGAN, Richard P.		X			
6. HAR, Sharon E.		1			
7. HASHEM, Mark J.					
8. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.					
9. LEE, Chris					
10. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.		\ \			
11. OSHIRO, Marcus R.					
12. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.					
13. TAKAYAMA, Gregg					
14. YAMANE, Ryan I.					
15. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth		<u> </u>			
16. McDERMOTT, Bob					
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TOTAL (16)		12	0	Ø	4
The recommendation is: 🕅 Adopted 🖸 Not Adopted					
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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