Honolulu, Hawaii

March 4

2016

RE: H.B. No. 2636 H.D. 2

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. 2636, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow a county with a resident population greater than 170,000 but fewer than 500,000 to require a special permit approval process for solar energy facilities with a capacity of more than 25 kilowatts.

Numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. The Office of Planning and an individual testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Agriculture, Land Use Commission, and an individual provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by requiring, rather than allowing, a county with a resident population greater than 170,000 but fewer than 500,000 to require a special permit approval process for solar energy facilities with a capacity of more than 25 kilowatts.

Your Committee notes that the term "solar energy production" is not defined in the measure. However, this term refers to energy production generated by the sun.

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. 2636, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2636, H.D. 2.

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

AUGUS L. K. MCKELVEY, Chair

## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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

Bill/Resolution No.:  HB 2636 HD 1	Committee Referral: EEP, CP	Date:	2-2	4-16.
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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)	\			
2. WOODSON, Justin H. (VC)	\			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	\			
4. BROWER, Tom	\			
5. CREAGAN, Richard P.				
6. HAR, Sharon E.	\			
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	1			
14. YAMANE, Ryan I.				
15. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth	\			·
16. McDERMOTT, Bob				
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TOTAL (16)	15.	0	0	1
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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