

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2207

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2016

RE: S.B. No. 3088
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Energy and Water, Land, and Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 3088 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HYDROELECTRIC POWER,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize construction of small hydropower facilities as defined by the United States Department of Energy in a manner that combines clean energy infrastructure and irrigation for agricultural lands.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Ulupono Initiative, Hawai'i Farm Bureau Federation, and Hawaii Cattlemens Council. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committees find that the development of hydroelectric energy-generating facilities in Hawaii is vital to the energy security and energy independence of the State. Increased use of renewable energy resources will achieve broad societal benefits, including resistance to oil price increases, environmental sustainability, economic development, and job creation.

Your Committees further find that while Hawaii's agricultural land is a fundamentally important and diminishing resource that is pivotal to the State's initiatives in food security, hydroelectric facilities may be located on agricultural lands in a manner that promotes food and energy security.

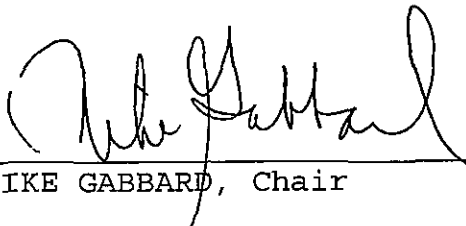


Your Committees have amended this measure by:

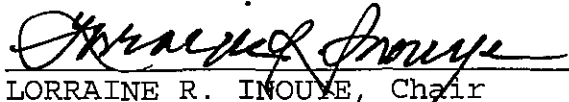
- (1) Clarifying that hydroelectric facilities shall be required to be an accessory to agricultural activity on agricultural land for agricultural use; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Energy and Water, Land, and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3088, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3088, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Transportation
and Energy and Water, Land, and
Agriculture,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



LORRAINE R. INOUÉ, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 3088</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">TRE/WLA, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">02-09-16</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				/
RIVIERE, Gil				/
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				/
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
THIELEN, Laura H.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn				/
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	<i>on # 5</i>			<i>4</i>
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 5px;">Clarence K. Nishihara</div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> <div>Distribution:</div> <div>Original</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>Pink</div> <div>Goldenrod</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 2px;"> <div>File with Committee Report</div> <div>Clerk's Office</div> <div>Drafting Agency</div> <div>Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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