Honolulu, Hawaii
February 6, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1566 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

## Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1566 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 establish consistency in the review of utility mergers by:

- (1) Establishing substantial net benefit as the Public Utilities Commission's standard of review for a transfer or assignment of an electric utility; and
- (2) Specifying certain guidelines to address when examining whether a substantial net benefit exists in the transfer or assignment of an electric utility.

The Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Life of the Land, Hawaii Solar Energy Association, Sierra Club of Hawaii, and several individuals supported this measure. The Public Utilities Commission and Alliance for Solar Choice provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to January 28, 2081, to encourage further discussion.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1566, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1566, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection,

CHRIS LEE, Chair

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



## Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee		Date:		17
HB 1566	EEP,	CPC		2/2/	1 —
θ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: θ Pass, unamended (as is)  A Pass, with amendments (HD) θ Hold					
θ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
EEP Men	ibers	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LEE, Chris (C)					
2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (V	/C)				
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.					
4. EVANS, Cindy		)			
5. ICHIYAMA, Linda					
6. KONG, Sam Satoru		)			
7. SAY, Calvin K.Y.				The company of the co	
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.					
9. FUKUMOTO, Beth					
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TOTAL	(9)	<u> </u>	$\perp \mathcal{G}$	$\mathcal{D}$	$\square \wp$
The recommendation is:   Adopted θ Not Adopted (					
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Mull E. Land					
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