STAND. COM. REP. NO. 93

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 10 , 20

RE: H.B. No. 1567 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. 1567 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 authorize the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to establish preferential electricity rates for communities that serve as geographic hosts for renewable energy projects.

Life of the Land and an individual supported this measure. Blue Planet Foundation supported the intent of this measure. The Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Commission provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a purpose section;
- (2) Clarifying that the Commission may authorize preferential electricity rates for ratepayers residing in communities that serve as geographic hosts for energy projects; and
- (3) Providing that the Commission shall not allow a preferential electricity rate to absolve an energy

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project developer from providing additional community benefits.

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. 1567, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1567, 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

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

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:	2/1/	17
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θ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: $\theta$ Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) $\theta$ Hold				
θ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LEE, Chris (C)	V			
2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (VC)			ente di comercatenza, un dispositi della	
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				1
4. EVANS, Cindy				
5. ICHIYAMA, Linda				
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6. KONG, Sam Satoru				
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8. YAMANE, Ryan I.				
9. FUKUMOTO, Beth			XXIII b. W.C a de A lovell. A A bleef A The children	
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The recommendation is: θ Adopted θ Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Divole E. Lower				
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