Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2724

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2018 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2724, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE ENERGY AGENCIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a primary state energy agency that will assist both the public and private sectors in achieving the State's energy goals by:

- (1) Establishing the Office of Clean Energy within the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) for administrative purposes only;
- (2) Transferring the duties and responsibilities of DBEDT's Energy Resources Coordinator to the Director of the Office of Clean Energy; and
- (3) Transferring the functions of the State Energy Office to the Office of Clean Energy.

The Blue Planet Foundation, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Sierra Club of Hawaii, Young Progressives Demanding Action - Hawaii, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Hawaii Energy Policy Forum, and Hawaii BioEconomy Trade Association provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2724, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

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

## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance**

Bill/Resolution No.:  HB 2729 HD/	Committee Referral:  EEP/EDB, LAB, /	F/N Date	:: >2/28/18	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its pr	evious 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)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
2. CULLEN, Ty J.K. (VC)	V			
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
4. DeCOITE, Lynn				
5. FUKUMOTO, Beth				
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega	V			
7. HOLT, Daniel				
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
10. LOWEN, Nicole E.	V			
11. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.				
12. TODD, Chris			TTT9	
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
14. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.		P		
15. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (15)	15	Ø	Ø	Ø
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:	CBJ.E.C			
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