STAND. COM. REP. NO. 25

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 7 , 2019

RE: H.B. No. 550 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2019 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 550 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the renewable portfolio standard interim goals for 2030 and 2040 to accelerate the adoption of renewable energy;
- (2) Amend the definition of renewable portfolio standard to more accurately reflect the percentage of renewable energy used in the State; and
- (3) Establish gas utility company renewable portfolio standards for electricity generation.

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, Sierra Club of Hawaii, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, 350Hawaii.org, The Alliance for Solar Choice, Blue Planet Foundation, Elemental Excelerator, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Our Revolution Hawaii, Organizing for Action, We are One, Inc., and many individuals supported this measure. The Department of

Transportation, Ulupono Initiative, Life of the Land, and Hawaii Solar Energy Association supported the intent of this measure. The Hawaiian Electric Company, Maui Electric Company, Hawaiii Electric Light Company, Hawaii Gas, The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996, Hawaiii Lodging & Tourism Association, and many individuals opposed this measure. The Public Utilities Commission, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' Division of Consumer Advocacy, and Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing its substantive contents except for the provision which amends section 269-92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to renewable portfolio standards;
- (2) Requiring the Public Utilities Commission to study the feasibility of implementing renewable portfolio standards to encourage the use of renewable energy by gas utility companies;
- (3) Amending the renewable portfolio standards formula for electric utility companies to only apply to the goals for 2030, 2040, and 2045;
- (4) Appropriating an unspecified amount of funds to the Public Utilities Commission to conduct the renewable gas portfolio standards study;
- (5) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2100, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 550, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 550, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair

State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The THIRTIETH Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.; Committee Referral: 1-B 550 Committee Referral: Date: -29-19				
☐ 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)				
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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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