

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 11

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 04 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 560
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 560 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Beginning July 1, 2021, require the Public Utilities Commission to provide for timely review in its decision-making process regarding proposed renewable energy projects; and
- (2) Require the timely completion of the interconnection process by electric public utilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Life of the Land, Hawaii Clean Power Alliance, and Climate Protectors Coalition. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii State Energy Office, Public Utilities Commission, and Ulupono Initiative.

Your Committee finds that in order to move the State closer to its carbon negative target as soon as possible, continual

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progress and the timely approval, commencement of construction, and completion of renewable energy projects are critical. Facilitating the timing for the interconnection process by electric public utilities will help to decrease electricity rates for consumers, assist the State in achieving its renewable portfolio standards goals in a timely manner, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate climate change.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have required the Public Utilities Commission to provide for timely review in its decision-making process regarding proposed renewable energy projects, including related findings;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of 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. 560, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 560, 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,



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 560	Committee Referral: EEP, CPC, FIN	Date: 2/2/21		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	/			
2. MARTEN, Lisa (VC)	/			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.	/			
4. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.	/			
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.	/			
6. TODD, Chris	/			
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				/
8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	/			
TOTAL (8)	7	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u></u>				
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