

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1931

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 20 2023

RE: H.C.R. No. 117

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 117 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTIES TO INCLUDE TOWNHOMES IN THE RESIDENTIAL PERMITTING PROCESS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the counties to include townhomes in the residential permitting process for the installation of solar panels.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from 350Hawaii and three individuals.

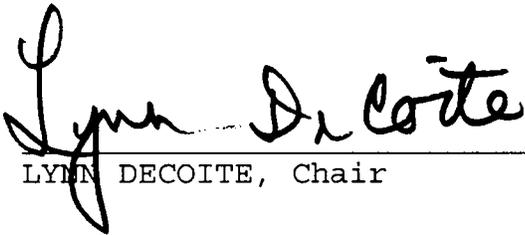
Your Committees find that the State has a goal to achieve one hundred percent clean energy by 2045. However, commercial permits are required for solar panel installations for townhomes, while these installations for single-family homes require only a residential permit. This policy is preventing thousands of townhome owners from contributing to the State's renewable energy goals, thereby jeopardizing the State's energy security and its goal of reaching one hundred percent clean energy by 2045. Your Committees believe that the State and counties should support the growth of local solar installation companies, and Hawaii residents should have the opportunity to take advantage of federal and state tax incentives for the installation of solar panels, which can



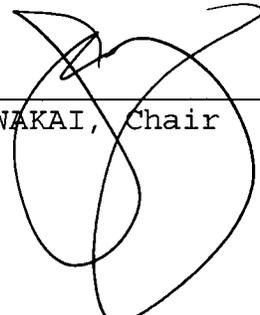
save households thousands of dollars. This measure will contribute to the State's renewable energy goals and stabilization of Hawaii's energy grid.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 117, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,



LYNN DECOITE, Chair



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



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The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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DECOITE, Lynn (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt		✓		
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