STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1265

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2023

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RE: S.B. No. 817

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Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred S.B. No. 817 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE ENTERPRISE ZONES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of "eligible business activity" to include the processing of value-added agricultural products grown within an enterprise zone and the development or production of renewable energy.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Hawai'i Gas; Hawai'i Forest Industry Association; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Clean Power Alliance; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from We are One, Inc.; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; HULI PAC; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; and eleven individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Life of the Land, and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

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Your Committees find that the Enterprise Zone Program was initially established within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to stimulate various business activities and employment in targeted areas in the State. Your Committees further find that renewable energy and agriculture are top priorities that are essential to the State's environmental and economic sustainability. This measure expands the definition of "eligible business activity" to further support the economic outcomes of the State's most rural or distressed communities.

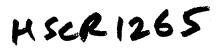
Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- Clarifying that the development or production of renewable energy must demonstrate greenhouse gas emissions substantially lower than fossil fuels;
- (2) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Agriculture & Food Systems that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 817, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 817, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Economic Development.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Agriculture & Food Systems,

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☐ 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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