

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 33

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2023

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RE: H.B. No. 329

H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 329
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require solar conduit and
electrical panel readiness for new residential construction and
electric vehicle readiness when an electrical panel and parking
area are installed.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Ulupono Initiative, Our Revolution Hawaii, 350Hawaii.org,
Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Hawaii
Solar Energy Association, and two individuals. Your Committee
received testimony in opposition to this measure from NAIOP
Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Building Industry Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the State must prepare for the
future installation of infrastructure that supports renewable
energy, including photovoltaic systems and electric vehicle
charging stations. Your Committee believes that the most cost
efficient way to achieve this is by focusing on installing such
infrastructure during the construction of new homes, rather than
trying to retrofit existing homes. This measure will bring the

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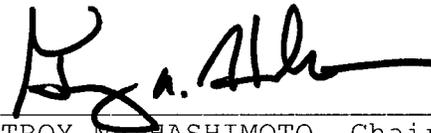
State closer to achieving its renewable energy goals by requiring new residential construction to be solar conduit, electric panel, and electric vehicle ready.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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 Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 329, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 329, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



TROY N. HASHIMOTO, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Housing

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 329	Committee Referral: HSG, CPC, FIN	Date: 2/1/23		
<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)				
HSG Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HASHIMOTO, Troy N. (C)	✓			
2. AIU, Micah P.K. (VC)	✓			
3. KILA, Darius K.	✓			
4. KITAGAWA, Lisa	✓			
5. MARTEN, Lisa	✓			
6. ONISHI, Richard H.K.		✓		
7. TODD, Chris	✓			
8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
TOTAL (8)	7	1		
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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