STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1152-24

Honolulu, Hawaii , 2024 MAR 15 RE: S.B. No. 2518 S.D. 2 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 2518, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL ENERGY EXPLORATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation for geothermal energy exploration, provided that the exploration efforts include surface and subsurface exploration.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaiian Electric; Blue Planet Foundation; Innovations Development Group, Inc.; Indigenous Consultants, LLC; and four individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office and two individuals.

Your Committees find that geothermal energy was identified as a near-term and mid-term decarbonization opportunity in the Hawaii State Energy Office's Hawai'i Pathways to Decarbonization Report

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and can help the State meet its renewable energy goals. This measure establishes and appropriates funds to identify locations and characteristics of geothermal resources in the State.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Hawaii State Energy Office to conduct a statewide environmental assessment for, and subsequently administer, a geothermal resources characterization program under the direction of the Hawaii Groundwater and Geothermal Resources Center of the University of Hawaii;
- (2) Updating the purpose of the appropriation and expending agency accordingly;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) 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 Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2518, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2518, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land,

NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chai:



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2518, SD 2 EEP/WAL, CPC, FIN 3-14-2024								
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) 								
EEP Member	·s	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused			
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)		V						
2. COCHRAN, Elle (VC)		V						
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega			/					
4. KAHALOA, Kirstin		V						
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.								
6. WOODSON, Justin H.								
7. WARD, Gene								
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TOTAL (7)		Ч						
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.								
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:								
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	EEP/WAL CPC		Date: 3/14/24					
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)								
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused				
1. ICHIYAMA, Linda (C)								
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)								
3. CHUN, Cory M.								
4. GANADEN, Sonny				V				
5. HASHEM, Mark J.								
6. MIZUNO, May Besario								
7. MORIKAWA, Dee								
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg								
9. SOUZA, Kanani								
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TOTAL (9) 2 The recommendation is: If Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral,								
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