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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1182  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 1182  
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Public  
Utilities Commission to establish preferential rates for the  
purchase of renewable energy from facilities that utilize labor  
paid at prevailing wages.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawai'i State Energy Office and Hawaii Clean Power  
Alliance. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this  
measure from Hawaiian Electric. Your Committee received comments  
on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer  
Affairs and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that providing tax incentives for large-  
scale renewable energy facilities can support the State in  
achieving its clean energy goal of having a one hundred percent  
renewable portfolio standard by 2045. Your Committee further  
finds that growing the workforce and developing career pathways in  
this industry can help support a clean energy economy. Your  
Committee believes that this measure supports the State's clean  
energy goals by authorizing the Public Utilities Commission to

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establish preferential rates for the purchase of renewable energy from facilities that meet certain prevailing wage requirements, as an incentive to support these facilities. Your Committee does note that there are some concerns about whether this measure would increase prices for rate payers.

Your Committee amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider issues raised by the Public Utilities Commission in its testimony on:

- (1) Whether renewable energy facilities that pay prevailing wages to out-of-state workers would be entitled to preferential rates under this measure; and
- (2) The ambiguity of whether the preferential rates contemplated in this measure benefit the consumer or the producer of electricity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1182, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1182, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



JACKSON D. SAITAMA, Chair



