

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

940

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

RE: S.B. No. 589
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 589, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the availability, affordability, and production of renewable energy.

More specifically, the measure:

- (1) Authorizes the retail wheeling of renewable energy;
- (2) Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish policies and procedures to implement retail wheeling and microgrid service tariffs; and
- (3) Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish grid service compensation values that fairly compensate system owners.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Sunrun Inc.; Solaray Corporation; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Grand Solar Inc.; Solar Services Hawaii; Green Power Projects LLC; Photonworks Engineering; Malama Solar; Enphase Energy, Inc.;



Credence Projects LLC; LegaSea Energy; Hawaii Energy Connection; Alternate Energy Inc.; and numerous individuals.

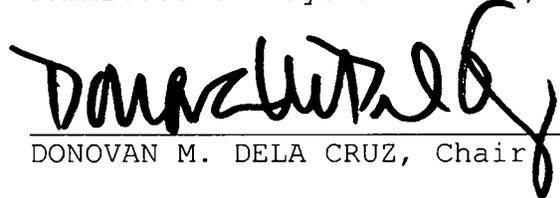
Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1260, Hawaiian Electric, and Ulupono Initiative.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that the programs and policies supported by this measure will help the State meet its renewable energy goals by increasing access to affordable energy, stabilizing grid costs, and driving economic growth and job creation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 589, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB589 SD1	E16/CPN, WAM	2-27-2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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