STAND. COM. REP. NO. 450 -26

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1566
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1566 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require:

(1) All state agencies to use energy efficient lighting; and

(2) The Hawaii State Energy Office to provide technical assistance and survey state agencies for compliance, with priority given to first responder facilities, and submit a report of the survey to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services and Hawai'i State Energy Office.

Your Committee finds that there have been many advances in energy efficient lighting, including light-emitting diodes that are significantly more energy efficient and longer lasting than alternative bulb types, do not contain mercury, and are a lower

life-cycle cost option for consumers and businesses. Your Committee further finds that despite previously enacting a phased-in prohibition on the sale, offering for sale, and distribution for sale of certain newly manufactured compact fluorescent lamps, the State has not moved expeditiously to implement energy efficient lighting options in its own buildings. This measure mandates the State to lead by example in its use of energy efficient lighting.

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 Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1566, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1566, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,

NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair

State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature HSCR 450-26

Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB 1566	EEP, FIN	2/17/26

☐ 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 Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)	✓			
3. CHUN, Cory M.	✓			
4. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
5. KUSCH, Matthias	✓			
6. QUINLAN, Sean				✓
7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
TOTAL (7)	6			1

The recommendation is: ☑ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted

If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Amy Perruso

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