

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2284
H.D. 1

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

Madame:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Human Services & Homelessness, to which was referred H.B. No. 2284 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish and appropriate funds for the Hawaii Home Energy Assistance Program within the Department of Human Services to assist qualifying households in paying their energy bills; and
- (2) Require the Public Utilities Commission Public Benefits Fee Administrator to provide certain information and assistance to recipients of the program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Human Services; Public Utilities Commission; Hawaiian Electric; and Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative.

Your Committees find that Hawaii's electricity rates are among the highest in the nation, placing a financial burden on low-income households in the State. Your Committees further find



that assistance provided to Hawaii residents through the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program has been limited and that there is a need to support residents through state funding mechanisms. This measure seeks to allocate financial assistance to low-income households for energy-related costs and provide energy efficiency information and support to recipients of the financial assistance.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,500,000 for the implementation of the Hawaii Home Energy Assistance Program.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Human Services & Homelessness that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2284, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2284, 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
Human Services & Homelessness,



LISA MARTEN, Chair



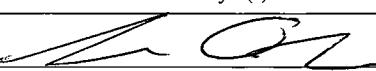
NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2284	EEP/ASH, CPC, FIN	2/10/26		
<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)				
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)	5			2
The recommendation is:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s) _____				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <i>Ammy Perruso</i>				
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Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services & Homelessness

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2284	EEP/HSH, CPC, FIN	2/10/2020		
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HSH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MARTEN, Lisa (C)	X			
2. OLDS, Ikaika (VC)	X			
3. AMATO, Terez	X			
4. HARTSFIELD, Daisy	X			
5. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L.	X			
6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				X
7. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna	X			
8. ALCOS III, David	X			
9. GARCIA, Diamond			X	
TOTAL (9)	7		1	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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