

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01 , 2026

RE: H.C.R. No. 204

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.C.R. No. 204 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS ON THE BEST PATHS TO MAXIMIZE COST REDUCTION AND MINIMIZE FINANCIAL RISK TO HAWAII RESIDENTS WHILE MEETING STATE GOALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Public Utilities Commission to:

- (1) Contract and engage with experts to develop two separate independent analyses that:
  - (A) Examine the best potential paths for Hawaii to maximize cost reduction and minimize financial risk to Hawaii residents for energy while meeting established state goals, from now through 2055, accounting for what costs or savings Hawaii residents will bear in a period beyond 2045 based on the paths evaluated; and
  - (B) At minimum, consider the latest strategies, technologies, innovations, and options being developed and implemented in Hawaii and other states and jurisdictions that are proving most



successful and may help Hawaii maximize cost reduction and minimize financial risk to Hawaii residents while meeting established state goals; and

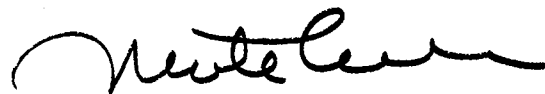
- (2) Submit a preliminary and final report to the Legislature.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Public Utilities Commission; Hawai'i State Energy Office; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's reliance on imports to meet its energy needs makes the State vulnerable to sudden and severe cost increases as a result of forces outside the State's control. Your Committee further finds that decisions likely to be made in the next few years may lock Hawaii and its residents into energy commitments that will either reduce or escalate the State's reliance on imports and fossil fuels. This measure encourages proper planning for the State's energy future by requesting the Public Utilities Commission to conduct analyses on best paths to reduce costs and minimize financial risk for ratepayers while meeting the State's energy goals.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 204 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



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NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-third Legislature

HSCR 1615-26

Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HCR 204</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EEP, CPC</b>	Date: <b>03/24/2026</b>
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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	✓			
<b>TOTAL (7)</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>2</b>

The recommendation is:  Adopted     Not Adopted  
 If joint referral, \_\_\_\_\_ did not support recommendation.  
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature:

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