STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2219 -26

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 20 , 2026

RE: S.C.R. No. 166
S.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 S.C.R. No. 166, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO MAKE CERTAIN JUDGMENTS, CONSIDERATIONS, AND DECISIONS WHEN MAKING ANY DETERMINATION RELATING TO A GENERATIONAL ENERGY COMMITMENT FOR THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Public Utilities Commission to make certain judgements, considerations, and decisions when making any determination relating to a generational energy commitment for the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Climate Protectors Hawai'i and Imua Alliance. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from JERA Americas. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Public Utilities Commission; Hawai'i State Energy Office; 350Hawaii.org; Greenpeace Hawaii; and Earthjustice.

Your Committee finds that large-scale investments in natural gas lack verifiable evidence of cost-effectiveness and pose significant financial risks to ratepayers. Your Committee further finds that committing to infrastructure that favors fossil fuels

or high-cost energy sources may undermine the State's statutory goal of one hundred percent renewable energy by creating pressure to delay or weaken the 2045 renewable portfolio standards. This measure requests the Public Utilities Commission to employ independent, evidence-based judgment when reviewing generational energy commitments and to deprioritize liquefied natural gas proposals that threaten the integrity of Hawaii's long-term clean energy mandates.

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 S.C.R. No. 166, S.D. 1, 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,

NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair

State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:
SCR 166 SD1	EEP/CPC	4/17/26

☐ 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: _____

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