

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 , 2026

RE: H.C.R. No. 180

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

Madame:

Your Committees on Agriculture & Food Systems and Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 180 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY TO EXPLORE AND PURSUE OPPORTUNITIES TO COLOCATE COMMUNITY-BASED RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING PROJECTS WITH AGRICULTURAL RESERVOIRS AND IRRIGATION WATER INFRASTRUCTURE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to explore and pursue opportunities to colocate community-based renewable energy generating projects with agricultural reservoirs and irrigation water infrastructure.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Molokai Clean Energy Hui; Hoolehua Homesteaders Association; Hoahu Energy Cooperative Molokai; and twenty-six individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture & Food Systems and Energy & Environmental Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 180 and recommend its adoption.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Agriculture &  
Food Systems and Energy &  
Environmental Protection,



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NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



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CORY CHUN, Chair





Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HCR 180</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AGR/EEP</b>	Date: <b>04/08/2020</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>6</b>			<b>1</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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