

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3922

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 24 2026

RE: H.C.R. No. 206  
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 206, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF LARGE DATA CENTERS ON HAWAII'S ELECTRIC UTILITIES, RATEPAYERS, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND CLIMATE GOALS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Hawaii State Energy Office to convene a working group to study the potential impacts of large data centers requiring electricity of five megawatts or more in instantaneous demand on Hawaii's electric utilities, ratepayers, natural resources, and climate goals.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Climate Protectors Hawaii and one individual.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

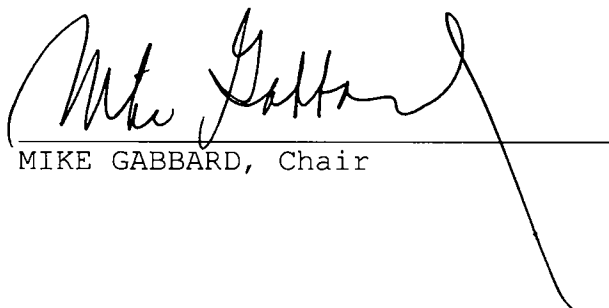
Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Public Utilities Commission and Hawaii State Energy Office.



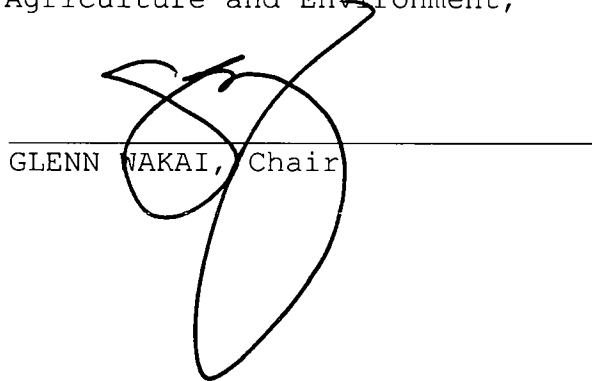
Your Committees find that the State's isolated island electric grid systems are uniquely sensitive to large new electricity loads. Without appropriate safeguards, data center development could require costly grid upgrades, impede clean energy progress, and shift financial burdens onto residential and small business ratepayers. Therefore, this measure will ensure that any future data center development aligns with the State's commitment to protecting local communities and the environment.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 206, H.D. 1, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Energy and  
Intergovernmental Affairs and  
Agriculture and Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair




GLENN WAKAI, Chair





The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

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| Bill / Resolution No.:*   | Committee Referral: | Date:           |     |         |
| HCR 206, HD1  | EIG / AEN           | 4/17/26         |     |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br>If so, then the previous decision was to: _____ |                     |                 |     |         |
| The Recommendation is:  |                     |                 |     |         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended<br>2312   |                     |                 |     |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments<br>2311  |                     |                 |     |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hold<br>2310   |                     |                 |     |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit<br>2313   |                     |                 |     |         |
| Members   | Aye                 | Aye (WR)        | Nay | Excused |
| GABBARD, Mike (C)   | ✓                   |                 |     |         |
| RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)  |                     |                 |     | ✓       |
| DECOITE, Lynn   |                     |                 |     | ✓       |
| RHOADS, Karl  | ✓                   |                 |     |         |
| AWA, Brenton  | ✓                   |                 |     |         |
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| Recommendation:   |                     |                 |     |         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted   |                     |                 |     |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted  |                     |                 |     |         |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature:  |                     |                 |     |         |
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