Honolulu, Hawaii

H.B. No. 2005 RE:

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2008 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2005 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to update and expand the renewable energy technologies tax credit to include solar electric energy systems.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, the Division of Consumer Advocacy, the Hawaii County Council, the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum, the Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance, Sopogy, Inc., and the Hawaii Solar Energy Association.

Your Committee also received comments on the measure from the Department of Taxation, the Tax Foundation of Hawaii, and a concerned individual.

Your Committee finds that solar electric energy can be produced from a broader range of technologies than just the photovoltaic process. This measure expands the renewable energy technologies tax credit to include all technologies that can produce solar electric energy to allow consumers to utilize the latest renewable energy technologies, lower their energy costs, and to reduce the State's fossil fuel consumption.

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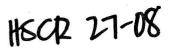
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2005 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

(Nermina) Morita

HERMINA MORITA, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-fourth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2005	Committee Referral: EEP, FIN		Date: 1/29(08)	
☐ 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)				
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TOTAL (8)	7	0	0	
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Mell Castall				
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