Honolulu, Hawaii

Feh15, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2862 H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 2862, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WIND ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve the permitting process required for the timely development of renewable energy resources across the State.

More specifically, the measure sets forth a coordinated and streamlined permitting process for the development of a wind energy project that uses undersea cables to transmit electricity between Hawaii's islands.

Testimony in support of the measure was received from UPC Hawaii Wind. Testimony supporting the intent of the measure was received from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, the Department of Health, the Hawaiian Electric Company and its subsidiaries, and Castle & Cooke Hawaii. Life of the Land testified in opposition to the bill.

Your Committee recognizes both the economic and environmental benefits of increased energy self-sufficiency and commends this measure as a step that facilitates the process of permitting wind energy and inter-island electrical transmission systems in Hawaii, which can be a complex undertaking.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2862, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

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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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)	8			
2. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	8			
3. EVANS, Cindy	۴			
4. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	٣			
5. ITO, Ken	¥			
6. LUKE, Sylvia	ح		(#)	
7. MORITA, Hermina M.	Y			
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9. SOUKI, Joseph M.	¥			
10. TSUJI, Clift	Ý			
11. YAMANE, Ryan I.	\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \			
12. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	K			
13. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	p			Control of the contro
14. THIELEN, Cynthia	Y			
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The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, Adopted If joint referral, Adopted If joint referral, Adopted Adopted If joint referral, Adopted Adopted				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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