

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 472

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 15, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 872

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 872 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage development of renewable energy projects.

More specifically, this measure clarifies the definition of "renewable energy producer" to include thermal energy sold to customers of district cooling systems. This measure will also allow counties to grant, sell, or dispose of easements for chilled water and seawater distribution systems for renewable energy seawater air conditioning district cooling systems by negotiation without public auction.

Honolulu Seawater Air Conditioning, LLC, and World Business Academy submitted testimony in favor of this measure.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources submitted testimony in support of the intent of the measure.

Your Committee finds that this measure would treat seawater air conditioning system developers similarly to other renewable energy producers with respect to the leasing of public lands. Further, the measure would streamline the process for obtaining easements for seawater distribution systems and chilled water



systems and thereby encourage the expansion and use of thermal energy technologies.

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. 872 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs.

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



HERMINA MORITA, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 872		Date: 2/13/07		
Committee Referral: EEP, WLH		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MORITA, Hermina M. (C)	✓			
2. CARROLL, Mele (VC)	✓			
3. CHONG, Pono				✓
4. ITO, Ken	✓			
5. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	✓			
6. SAGUM, Roland D., III	✓			
7. SAIKI, Scott K.	✓			
8. THIELEN, Cynthia				✓
TOTAL	6			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Mele Carroll</div>				
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