

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1876

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1876 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GASOLINE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Governor to suspend the maximum pre-tax wholesale price of gasoline in the event of a natural disaster that has an adverse impact on or disrupts gasoline supplies or prices in the State.

The Department of Business, Economic, Development and Tourism, the Consumer Advocate, and the Western States Petroleum Association submitted testimony in opposition to this measure. C & H Farms submitted testimony in support of this measure. Aloha Petroleum supported the intent of the measure.

Your Committee notes that although section 1 of this measure states that its intent is to apply to a natural disaster occurring anywhere in the world, this is not expressly stated in section 2 of the measure. Accordingly, your Committee requests that this issue be addressed by the subsequent committee receiving this measure.

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. 1876 and recommends that it pass Second



Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



HERMINA MORITA, Chair



