

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 16, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3182
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

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 S.B. No. 3182, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GASOLINE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce the presence of methyl tertiary-butyl ether in gasoline sold or imported in the State to levels no greater than .15 volume per cent by January 1, 2009.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and Aloha Petroleum, Ltd. The Department of Agriculture submitted testimony in opposition to this measure. The Western States Petroleum Association offered comments.

Your Committee amended this measure by limiting the requirement of filing certified statements relating to the content of methyl tertiary-butyl ether in gasoline to refiners and persons importing gasoline into the State.

Your Committee further requests that, while the measure addresses the untimely filing of a certified statement, the next committee deliberating on this measure address the issue of the liability of a distributor that makes any false representations in a certified statement.



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 S.B. No. 3182, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3182, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary.

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



HERMINA MORITA, Chair



