

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 16

, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3183

S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy, Environment, and International Affairs and Transportation and Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 3183 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VEHICULAR EMISSIONS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to direct the Department of Health to develop greenhouse gas emission standards and adopt rules that achieve the maximum feasible reduction of greenhouse gases emitted by passenger vehicles and light-duty trucks and any other vehicle determined by the department to be a vehicle whose primary use is noncommercial personal transportation in the State.

The Rocky Mountain Institute and the Hawaii Chapter of the Sierra Club submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Hawaii Automobile Dealers' Association submitted testimony in support of the intent of the measure. The Department of Health and the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers submitted testimony in opposition.

Your Committees find that this measure will help decrease the State's contribution to global warming and further encourage the use of more efficient and lower emission vehicles.

Upon further consideration, your Committees have amended this measure by:



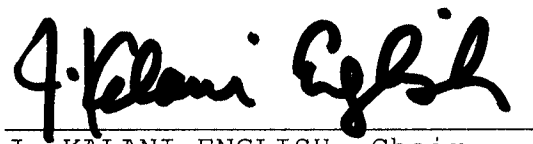
- (1) Applying the measure to new vehicles, including passenger cars, pickup trucks, and any other motor vehicle that the department determines is primarily used for noncommercial purposes;
- (2) Defining the terms "passenger car" and "pickup truck" and deleting the definition of "motor vehicle";
- (3) Providing that the rules shall take effect prior to January 1, 2009;
- (4) Expanding the report to the Legislature to include an analysis of:
 - (A) Which communities in the State have the most significant exposure to air contaminants or toxic air contaminants, what impact the rules are expected to have on those communities, and the feasibility of tracking the long term impact of the rules on those communities; and
 - (B) What impact the rules will have on the state economy and public health, and the feasibility of tracking the long-term impact of the rules on the state economy and public health;
- (5) Clarifying that the department shall adopt a federal standard if it is of equivalent or greater effectiveness than the new state rules; and
- (6) Making technical, non-substantive amendments for clarity and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy, Environment, and International Affairs and Transportation and Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3183, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3183, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy,
Environment, and International
Affairs and Transportation and
Government Operations,


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