

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1496

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 23, 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1943
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs and Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 1943, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to encourage the production and use of biofuels and energy feedstock in Hawaii by:

- (1) Adding biofuels processing facilities to the list of permitted uses for agricultural lands; and
- (2) Establishing an energy feedstock program in the Department of Agriculture.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, University of Hawaii, Department of Agriculture and Hawaii BioEnergy supported this bill. Hawaiian Electric Company, Maui Electric Company, and Hawaii Electric Light Company supported the intent of this measure. Enterprise Honolulu opposed this bill. The Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu, Maui County Farm Bureau, and Imperium Renewables Hawaii, LLC, submitted comments.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

SB1943 HD1 HSCR WLH-EEP HMS 2007-3315

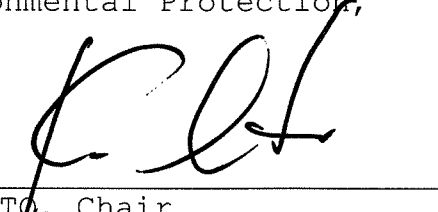


- (1) Deleting provisions that:
- (A) Establish a non-renewable, three-year period where importation of feedstock and fuels is allowed; and
 - (B) Require, after the expiration of the three-year period, that a majority of the feedstock from biomass and oil crops be grown within the state;
- and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs and Energy & Environmental Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1943, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1943, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water, Land,
Ocean Resources & Hawaiian
Affairs and Energy &
Environmental Protection,


HERMINA MORITA, Chair


KEN ITO, Chair



