

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 25, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3179
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 3179, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCER,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this bill is to encourage the development of biofuel and reduce the state's dependence on fossil fuel by authorizing the Board of Land and Natural Resources to lease by direct negotiation public land to renewable energy producers who are growers or producers of organic material used primarily for the production of biofuels or other fuels.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this bill by replacing the word "organic" with "plant and animal" to describe the type of material that may be grown and produced on the leased lands so it is not limited to material that is produced



or grown without using chemically formulated fertilizers, growth stimulants, antibiotics, or pesticides.


As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3179, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3179, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



RON MENOR, Chair



JILL TOKUDA, Co-Chair

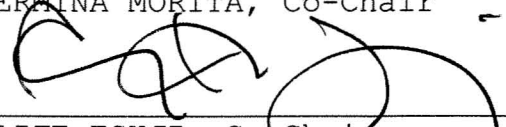
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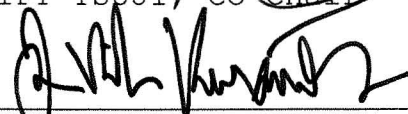
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