

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 20 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2507
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2507, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to establish two positions to support the implementation of Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, which, among other things, established the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Task Force (Task Force).

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Working Group of the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, the Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc., Maui Electric Company, Ltd., and the Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter.

Your Committee finds that while enactment of Act 234 by the 2007 Legislature was a forward step towards a reduction in Hawaii's contribution to global climate change, there remains the difficult task of reaching the new greenhouse gas standard. This measure will help to ensure that the arduous and necessary work of the Task Force is continuously supported, and will be completed in as thorough and timely a manner as possible.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

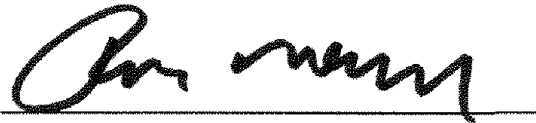
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- (1) Replacing its contents with that of S.B. No. 2846, which is similar, but for an appropriation amount of \$135,000, and some technical, nonsubstantive differences in language; and
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2008.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2507, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2507, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy and
Environment,

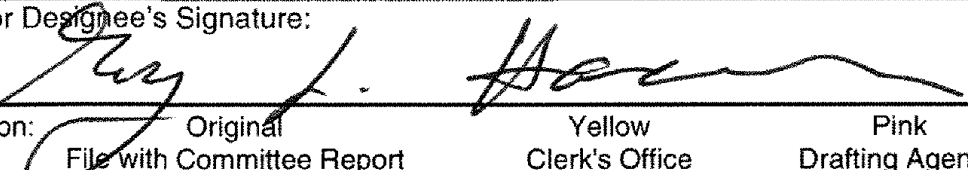


RON MENOR, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2507 HD1	ENE, WAM	3/18/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
MENOR, Ron (C)	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L. (VC)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	✓			
TRIMBLE, Gordon	✓			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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