

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3404

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2008

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

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Energy and Environment and Agriculture and
Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 3179 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage the local
production of organic material used in producing biofuels and
other bioenergy resources by making growers and producers of the
organic material eligible for leases of public land without the
necessity of a public auction, under Act 102, Session Laws of
Hawaii 2002.

Specifically, this measure amends the definition of
"renewable energy producer" in section 171-95, Hawaii Revised
Statutes, to include growers and producers of organic material to
be used primarily for the production of biofuels and other
bioenergy resources.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
Department of Land and Natural Resources; and Hawaiian Electric
Company, Inc., Maui Electric Company, and Hawaii Electric Light
Company.

Your Committees find that this measure will:

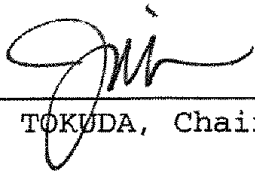


- (1) Support the State's current energy policy promoting the development of renewable energy;
- (2) Decrease the State's reliance on fossil fuels and assist in supplying the public with a reliable alternate source of fuel and energy; and
- (3) Promote the renewable energy industry and increase employment opportunities related to the production of organic material used for biofuels and other bioenergy resources.

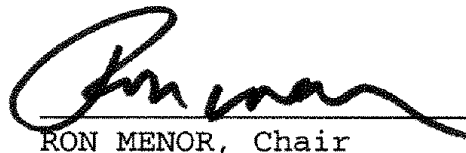
Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy and Environment and Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3179, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3179, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy and
Environment and Agriculture and
Hawaiian Affairs,



JILL TOKUDA, Chair

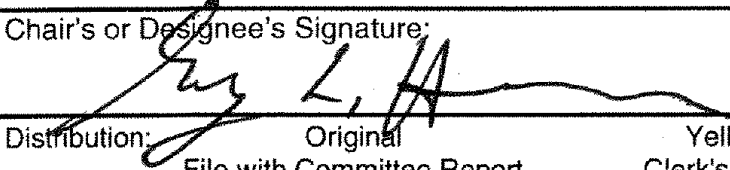


RON MENOR, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Energy and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 3179	Committee Referral: ENE/AHW	Date: 4/1/08		
<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	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

