

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2168

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 2008

RE: S.B. No. 3101

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 S.B. No. 3101 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow growers and producers of organic materials to take advantage of Act 102, Session Laws of Hawaii 2002, which authorized the Board of Land and Natural Resources to lease public lands to renewable energy producers through direct negotiation.

Specifically, this measure amends the definition of "renewable energy producer" in section 171-95, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to include growers and producers of organic materials used primarily for the production of biofuels or other fuels, and in doing so, make them eligible for direct leases of public land.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.

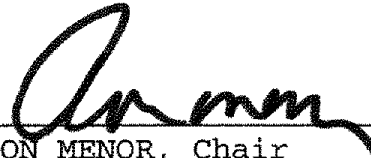
Your Committee finds that permitting growers and producers of organic materials, used primarily for the production of biofuels, to lease public lands through direct negotiation is in compliance with the intent of Act 102, Session Laws of Hawaii 2002, allowing the leasing of public lands for renewable energy purposes.



Your Committee further finds that this measure serves the larger goal of encouraging the local production of renewable energy.

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 S.B. No. 3101 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water and Land.

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

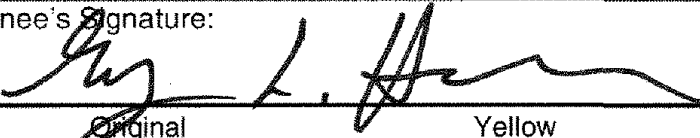


RON MENOR, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Energy and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 3101	Committee Referral: ENE, WTL	Date: 2/5/08		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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	4			1
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