

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 18, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1124

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1124 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure compliance with the federal Underground Storage Tank Compliance Act that is part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The Department of Health testified in strong support of this bill.

Your Committee notes that the federal Underground Storage Tank Compliance Act prohibits delivery of petroleum to underground storage tanks that are identified as ineligible to receive deliveries. However, state law does not presently contain any delivery prohibition.

Your Committee finds that compliance with the Underground Storage Tank Compliance Act ensures that the Department of Health will be eligible to receive federal funds for its underground storage tank and leaking underground storage tank programs. Further, your Committee finds that this bill will reduce petroleum releases into the environment and thus help to protect human health and the environment from resulting contaminants.



Your Committee amended this bill to clarify the reference to the federal law.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1124, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1124, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,

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HERMINA MORITA, Chair



