

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

949

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1491  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1491, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ETHANOL FACILITY TAX CREDIT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce the aggregate annual amount of ethanol facility tax credit from \$12,000,000 to \$8,000,000 from July 1, 2011, through December 31, 2012.

Comments were submitted by one private organization. Testimony in opposition to the measure was submitted by one state department. Testimony suggesting an amendment to the measure was submitted by one private organization. One state department submitted a statement of no position. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

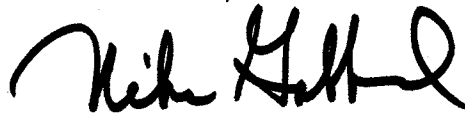
Your Committee finds that this measure temporarily reduces the total amount of ethanol facility tax credits that may be issued and helps to perpetuate the tax incentives for the construction and development of an ethanol production facility in the State. Your Committee finds that, during these difficult economic times, it is important to balance budget realities with the imperatives of developing a renewable fuel industry in Hawaii. This measure represents a good compromise of these competing interests, while preserving the tax credit for the future, when ethanol production facilities are in place to take advantage of the credit.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date from July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2009.

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. 1491, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1491, H.D. 2, 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,



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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Energy and Environment**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
<i>HB 1491 HD2</i>	<i>ENE, WAM</i>	<i>3-17-9</i>		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)				✓
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L.		✓		
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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