

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 18, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1628

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. 1628 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST BIOENERGY HAWAII, LLC,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of up to \$100,000,000 in special purpose revenue bonds to assist BioEnergy Hawaii, LLC.

Your Committee received favorable testimony on this measure from BioEnergy Hawaii, LLC, Pacific Waste, Inc., and the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority. Your Committee also received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that BioEnergy Hawaii plans to develop a renewable, waste-to-energy cogeneration facility that would produce six to eight megawatts of electricity from waste that would otherwise end up in area landfills. The benefits from the BioEnergy facility are numerous. The facility would:

- (1) Minimize the release of greenhouse gases by recycling the facility's carbon dioxide emissions;
- (2) Reduce the demand for landfill;
- (3) Reduce transportation costs related to waste and disposal;



- (4) Create needed employment;
- (5) Reduce the State's dependence on imported fossil fuels;  
and
- (6) Supply enough electrical energy for six to eight  
thousand homes.

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. 1628 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

*Hermina Morita*

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HERMINA MORITA, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 1628	<b>Committee Referral:</b> EEP, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 2-12-09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
<b>EEP Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. MORITA, Hermina M. (C)	✓			
2. COFFMAN, Denny (VC)	✓			
3. CABANILLA, Rida	✓			
4. CHANG, Jerry L.	✓			
5. CHONG, Pono	✓			
6. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
7. HERKES, Robert N.	✓			
8. ITO, Ken	✓			
9. LEE, Chris				✓
10. LUKE, Sylvia	✓			
11. SAGUM, Roland D., III	✓			
12. CHING, Corinne W.L.				✓
13. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
<b>TOTAL (13)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <u>Denny Coffman</u>				
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