

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1260

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 S.B. No. 1260 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AIR POLLUTION FEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to eliminate a disincentive to pollution reduction by removing the cap on fees for air pollutant emissions.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by two private organizations. Comments were submitted by one state department. Copies of written testimony are available for review on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that as presently enacted Hawaii's Clean Air Act allows large sources of air pollution to pay less per ton of air emissions than smaller sources of air pollution. Your Committee finds that, while closing this loophole may result in increased costs that are passed onto consumers, the existing provision is inequitable for smaller sources of air pollution and a disincentive for very large sources of air pollution to reduce emissions.

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. 1260 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.



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



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 1260</i>	Committee Referral: <i>ENE, WAM</i>	Date: <i>12 Feb 2009</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 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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L.	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
TOTAL	<i>6</i>			<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;"> <i>J. Kalani English</i> </div>				
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