

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 295

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. 295 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow hybrid vehicles and energy-efficient vehicles to use high occupancy vehicle lanes; and
- (2) Define "energy-efficient vehicle" and "hybrid vehicle" for purposes of the traffic code.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. and its subsidiary utilities; and Sierra Club Hawai'i Chapter. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

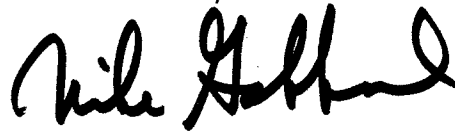
Your Committee finds that this measure would promote the increased use of fuel efficient hybrid vehicles. Increased consumer acceptance of energy-efficient vehicles, including hybrid vehicles, will aid in the reduction of greenhouse emissions and fossil fuel use. This measure also furthers the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative's goal of seventy per cent clean, renewable energy by 2030.

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. 295 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs.

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

Record of Votes
Committee on Energy and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 295</i>	Committee Referral: <i>ENE, TIA</i>	Date: <i>17 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	5	1		1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes