

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2018

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2331  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2331 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require that by 2015 a minimum of two per cent of each utility's renewable portfolio standard be produced using biofuel or by agricultural producers.

Testimony in support was submitted by one state agency. One state agency and one organization support the intent of the measure, and one organization submitted testimony in opposition. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

The use of biomass and biofuels can reduce the State's dependence on imported oil and increase the amount of renewable energy produced from sustainable resources. Additionally, long-term contracts for biomass production can improve agricultural producers' economic position. Your Committee finds that a strong agricultural sector is essential to the State's food security and can be an integral part of the State's energy security.

However, as the State experienced with the ethanol-gasoline blending requirement, requiring the use of a particular type of fuel does not necessarily mean that sufficient local production will develop. Your Committee recognizes that due to reasons




beyond the electric utility company's control, agricultural energy may not be available in the quantities required by this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adopting the recommendation of the Hawaiian Electric Company to include an availability exception if there is an insufficient supply of agricultural energy.

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. 2331, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2331, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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

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**Committee on Energy and Environment**  
**ENE**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2331</b>	Committee Referral: <b>ENE, CPN</b>	Date: <b>28 Jan 2010</b>
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312      Pass, with amendments 2311      Hold 2310      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>4</b>			<b>3</b>

Recommendation:  Adopted      Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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