

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 755-10

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 16, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2357  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which  
was referred S.B. No. 2357, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require gas utilities in  
Hawaii to submit annual reports to the Public Utilities Commission  
that contain information on:

- (1) The ratio of petroleum and non-petroleum feedstocks used  
to produce natural gas, biogas, biofuel, or  
biofeedstocks sold in the State; and
- (2) The energy quantity of natural gas, biogas, biofuel, or  
biofeedstocks sold in the State and produced from  
petroleum and non-petroleum feedstocks.

This measure also requires the Public Utilities Commission to  
report to the Legislature regarding the ratio of petroleum and  
non-petroleum feedstocks used to produce natural gas, biogas,  
biofuel, or biofeedstocks sold in the State.

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Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Public Utilities Commission, Blue Planet Foundation, and the Sierra Club - Hawaii Chapter. The Gas Company submitted written comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that it is in the best interests of the State to accurately measure all renewable resources that contribute towards reducing the State's dependence on imported petroleum. Your Committee finds that this data will assist in determining whether the State is making progress toward meeting its goal of a renewable energy portfolio standard of seventy per cent by 2020.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the purpose clause in section 1 to clarify the intent of the measure;
- (2) Clarifying the frequency and due dates of the reports;
- (3) Clarifying that the reports contain information on the amount of fuels and feedstocks for use by the gas utility in the State;
- (4) Specifying that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism shall have access to confidential information provided by the gas utilities in their reports, the purposes for which that information may be used, and that confidentiality shall be protected; and
- (5) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.B. No. 2357, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2357, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.



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

*Hermina Morita*

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House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>SB 2357.SD2</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EEP, CPC</b>	Date: <b>11 Dec 3-9-10</b>
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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>

The recommendation is:  Adopted  Not Adopted  
 If joint referral, \_\_\_\_\_ did not support recommendation.  
 committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature:

*Denny Coffman*

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