

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2009

RE: S.B. No. 405  
S.D. 1

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. 405 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GASOLINE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to abolish the ten per cent ethanol by volume requirement for gasoline sold in Hawaii for use in motor vehicles.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one organization and two public citizens. Testimony in opposition was submitted by one state agency and two organizations. Written testimony presented to your Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that the intent of the ten per cent ethanol volume requirement for gasoline was to provide energy independence from foreign oil, reduce statewide gasoline consumption, and establish industrial plants to produce ethanol locally.

To date, the State of Hawaii imports all of its ethanol from overseas, along with crude oil. Since enactment of the ethanol requirement in 2006, no ethanol plants have been built, despite several planned ethanol plants and an abundance of vacant sugar cane land. Accordingly, your Committee finds that the intent of the ten per cent ethanol volume requirement remains unfulfilled.



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Your Committee has amended this measure by amending the effective date to July 1, 2050, for the purpose of encouraging further discussion.

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. 405, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 405, 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.:* <i>SB 405</i>	Committee Referral: <i>ENE, CPN</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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>A. Alan Egler</i>				
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