

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1252

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2011

RE: H.B. No. 1019  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 2

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1019, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to revise the amounts allocated from the environmental response, energy, and food security tax, known as the barrel tax, to support programs that improve the State's energy and food sustainability and independence.

In addition, this measure extends the climate change task force for two years, until June 30, 2013, and authorizes funding for its operations.

Your Committee received comments in support of this measure from Russell S. Kokubun, Chairperson, Board of Agriculture; Sylvia Yuen, Interim Dean and Director, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawaii at Manoa; Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; Blue Planet Foundation; Christopher Eldridge, Partner, Aina Koa Pono, LLC; and two individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the State is detrimentally reliant on imported fossil fuel and subject to the environmental risks

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associated therewith. Your Committee further finds that it is in the best interests of the residents of the State to better use barrel tax revenues for energy self-sufficiency and sustainable agriculture to ensure Hawaii's energy and food security. This measure also will protect the economic well-being, public health, natural resources, and environment of the State by providing funding for the climate change task force to assess impacts of global warming and rising sea levels and develop strategies to mitigate those impacts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the amounts allocated from the barrel tax to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Removing the provision in section 8 that would retain amendments to section 243-3.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, made by this measure when that section is reenacted on June 30, 2015, because the Climate Change Task Force is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2013, and the agricultural development and food security special fund will cease to exist on June 30, 2015, making revenues for operation of the Task Force or for deposit into the special fund unnecessary after the latter date;
- (3) Providing that the allocation to the Climate Change Task Force shall be made until June 30, 2013, after which the allocation shall be made to the agricultural development and food security special fund; and
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2117, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1019, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1019, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.



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Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

*David Y. Ige*

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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 1019, HDI, SDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>ENE/AGL, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/30/11</b>		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)				✓
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
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;">Suzanne Chun Oakland</div>				
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