

SB 747

TO: Members of the Committee on Energy and Environment

FROM: Natalie Iwasa
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HEARING: 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, February 15, 2011

SUBJECT: SB747 Notice for Gas Taxes - Support

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair English and Senators,

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony in support to SB 747 which would require gas retailers to post the amount of tax included in each gallon of fuel we purchase. When gas prices go up, there is often confusion about whether the increases are due to profit motives of gasoline dealers or taxes. In addition, consumers should know how much tax they are paying when they purchase gas.

Please vote "yes" in support of this bill.

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Andrea Hamblin
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 2/11/2011

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Conference room: 225
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Walter Enomoto
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 2/12/2011

Comments:

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair English and Members of the Energy Committee,

I urge you all to support and pass SB747. For FAR too long, gasoline consumers have had NO information on the taxes they are paying for the gasoline they use. This lack of information is inconsistent with all other retail purchases which require the sales and other applicable taxes to be shown on their receipt or invoice. Why has gasoline been exempt all these years? If consumers knew exactly how much in the way of taxes they were paying, would they change their behavior? Would they drive more sensibly? Would they consider a hybrid or electric vehicle? Or better yet, would they use other more economical means to get from point A to B? The lack of information shrouds the real impact of their choice to rely on fossil fuels. PLEASE make this information mandatory and support this measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dan Cohen
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 2/12/2011

Comments:

I am a registered voter and support the passage of this measure to show the taxes being paid on gasoline purchase. Mahalo.

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jeff Stark
Organization: Maui Recycling Group
Submitted on: 2/12/2011

Comments:

One of the major impediments to wide scale deployment of renewable/clean energy is the high subsidies enjoyed by the oil industry. This bill will make it easy for consumers to see exactly how much of an impact gasoline taxes have. In many cases it will be the first time the consumer had any information on gasoline taxes.

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Submitted by: Herman Goldman
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 2/12/2011

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Patricia Huntley
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 2/12/2011

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: S. Nakata
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 2/12/2011

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Janet Powell
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 2/12/2011

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Margaret Enomoto
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 2/12/2011

Comments:

This bill will not only educate us, but will provide us with clear information of what we're paying for at the pumps. I can't imagine anyone opposing this bill.

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Submitted by: Donnie McGean
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 2/12/2011

Comments:

We have the right to know what we are paying in taxes to the Federal, State and Local governments.

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Submitted by: Roland Chen
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 2/12/2011

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Wendy Heyd
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 2/12/2011

Comments:

In support of SB74: Hawaii's gasoline prices are high; Maui's are the highest. SB747 offers the consumer a way to understand the cost breakdown and provides transparency, a benefit to the consumer at little cost to the seller.

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Submitted by: Todd Melton
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 2/12/2011

Comments:

It should also be mandatory to show taxes on receipts as well.

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Submitted by: Rita Goldman
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 2/12/2011

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Margaret Dalzell
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 2/12/2011

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jeff Soulier
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 2/12/2011

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Submitted by: Andra R. Hayase
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 2/13/2011

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Submitted by: Carol Reimann
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: shawn singleton
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael R. Gibbons
Organization: Individual
Submitted on: 2/14/2011

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Submitted by: Tom Enomoto

Organization: Individual

Submitted on: 2/14/2011