

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 14, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2042
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2042 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require that the renewable portfolio standards shall be met by requiring that renewable energy whose sources are biogas, biomass, biofuels, or hydrogen shall be locally produced.

The Blue Planet Foundation and an individual submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs submitted testimony in support of the intent of this measure. Windward Ahupua'a Alliance submitted testimony in support of this measure with amendments. Hawaiian Electric Co., and its subsidiary utilities Maui Electric Co., and Hawaii Electric Light Co., submitted testimony in opposition to this measure. The Public Utilities Commission and Life of the Land submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 H.B. No. 2042, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2042, 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,



DENNY COFFMAN, Chair



