

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2716

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2512  
S.D. 2

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2512, 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 increase the amount of the allocation of the environmental response, energy, and food security tax to the energy security special fund and the agricultural development and food security special fund by thirty cents each.

In addition, this measure:

- (1) Extends the repeal date of the Hawaii Economic Development Task Force and renames it the Hawaii Food and Energy Security Council;
- (2) Extends until June 30, 2017, the repeal date of the amendments to the environmental response, energy, and food security tax enacted by Act 73, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, including the allocations of the tax to the energy security special fund and the agricultural development and food security special fund; and
- (3) Appropriates \$8,000,000 from both the energy security special fund and the agricultural development and food security special fund to carry out the purposes of each fund.



Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from The Nature Conservancy. Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the members of the Hawaii Economic Development Task Force have committed their time and expertise during the past two years to develop a comprehensive approach to reversing the export of food and energy from the State. Extending the work of the Task Force, renamed the Hawaii Food and Energy Security Council in this measure, will facilitate the accelerated adoption and completion of renewable-energy projects, energy-efficiency programs, and agricultural infrastructure and development.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the increased allocation of the environmental response, energy, and food security tax to the energy security special fund and the agricultural development and food security special fund;
- (2) Deleting the extension of the amendments to the environmental response, energy, and food security tax enacted by Act 73, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, including the allocations of the tax to the energy security special fund and the agricultural development and food security special fund;
- (3) Deleting all appropriations in the measure;
- (4) Changing the effective date to June 29, 2012, to ensure that the council's extension takes effect prior to its abolishment pursuant to Act 73, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010; and
- (5) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, style, and consistency.

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 S.B. No. 2512, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass



Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2512,  
S.D. 2.

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



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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB2512, SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>ENE/EDT/ABLHAM</b>	Date: <b>2-28-12</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>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</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;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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