

# SB 2446

Measure Title: RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL.

Report Title: Motor Vehicle Fuel; Pilot Program; Testing

Description: Establishes a pilot program to be administered by the department of agriculture measurement and standards branch to conduct random, unannounced tests of the octane and ethanol levels of motor vehicle fuel sold in the State; establishes civil penalties; requires reports to the legislature in 2013 and 2014.

Companion:

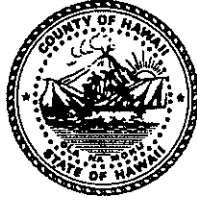
Package: None

Current Referral: CPN, WAM

Introducer(s): KIM, DELA CRUZ, GABBARD, IHARA, KOUCHI, Espero, Fukunaga, Galuteria, Hee, Ige, Kahele, Kidani, Nishihara, Ryan, Slom, Taniguchi, Tokuda

<b>Sort by Date</b>		<b>Status Text</b>
1/20/2012	S	Introduced.
1/23/2012	S	Passed First Reading.
1/23/2012	S	Referred to AGL/CPN, WAM.
1/27/2012	S	Re-Referred to CPN, WAM.
1/27/2012	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 02-07-12 9:30AM in conference room 229.

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TESTIMONY OF DENNIS "FRESH" ONISHI  
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ON

SB 2446, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
February 7, 2012 9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill No. 2446.

This Bill establishes a pilot program, to be administered by the state of Hawai'i Department of Agriculture Measurement Standards Branch, to conduct random tests of the octane and ethanol levels of motor vehicle fuel sold in the State, and establishes civil penalties as well as requires reports to the Legislature.

I believe this program is necessary to regulate the octane and ethanol levels in motor vehicle fuel sold in the state and to ensure that the minimum national standards are met.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.



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February 7, 2012

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair  
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

**RE: SB 2446 Relating to Motor Vehicle Fuel**

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of Chevron U.S.A., Inc. in support of the intent of SB 2446. This bill proposes to establish a pilot program to conduct random, unannounced tests of the octane and ethanol levels of motor vehicle fuel sold in the state.

Chevron supports the intent of this measure as a means to ensure that ethanol blended motor vehicle fuel, commonly referred to E10, meets all applicable specifications. Several other states have implemented programs with the similar intent to help assure consumers that the motor vehicle fuel being offered for sale is in compliance with all the pertinent government requirements and standards. Creating a pilot program is a good first step. As mentioned, in other states in which Chevron does business, Chevron readily complies with existing testing programs. It is instructive to review those programs and adopt several "best practices" in order to create a workable cost-effective pilot program for Hawaii. To that end, Chevron intends to submit a handful of suggested amendments to SB2446 in subsequent hearings.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Albert Chee".

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