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TESTIMONY ON SB 201, RELATING TO ETHANOL
OPPOSE

Senator Gabbard, Chair
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair
Committee on Energy and Environment
Hearing January 31, 2012 at 2:45 pm, Conference Room 225

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From: Jenna Long
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Pacific Biodiesel opposes SB 201 because it adds confusion and doubt for those in the emerging biofuels industries in Hawaii. The goal of the original mandate is to create a market for an alternative fuel as the industry starts up. However, this bill takes away that market for the developing biofuel industry and only restores it once it is already at a high capacity. This does not seem to have the desired effect of equalizing support for start-up biofuels with current support given to fossil fuels. Also, because SB 201 continues to specifically mention ethanol, it will not encourage other biofuels crops or fuels. If the real issue that this bill is addressing is the lack of ethanol production in Hawaii, then SB 15 should be considered instead, as it tackles this issue by broadening the mandate rather than eliminating it.

Please consider SB 15 as a better resolution than SB 201.

Thank you,

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