

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 28, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2256

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2256 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, ENERGY, AND FOOD SECURITY TAX REPEAL DATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

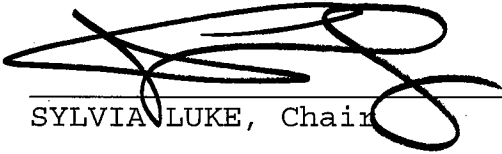
The purpose of this measure is to provide for the long-term availability of financial resources to enable the State to achieve its 2030 clean energy and food security goals. Specifically, this measure extends the repeal date of certain sections of Act 73, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, to ensure the continued availability of funds from the Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security Tax for these purposes.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Health; Hawaii Energy Policy Forum; Sierra Club of Hawaii; Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; The Nature Conservancy; Ulupono Initiative; Blue Planet Foundation; and Hawaii Green Growth testified in support of this measure. The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii testified in opposition to this measure. Tax Foundation of Hawaii commented on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2256 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2256	Committee Referral: AGR, EEP, FIN	Date: 2/25/2014
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (VC)	/	/		
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	/			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	/			/
6. ING, Kaniela	/			
7. JORDAN, Jo	/			
8. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	/			
9. LOWEN, Nicole E.	/			
10. MORIKAWA, Dee	/			
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
12. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	/			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
14. WOODSON, Justin H.	/			
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/		/	
16. FUKUMOTO, Beth		/	/	
17. WARD, Gene		/		
TOTAL (17)	13	2	1	1

The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted
 If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
 committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____

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