

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2908**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 18 2014**

RE: H.B. No. 2543  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Energy and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2543 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST BIOTORK HAWAII LLC,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to BioTork Hawaii LLC (BioTork) for the development and operation of a facility to convert agricultural crops and by-products to biofuels and high-protein feed.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; and BioTork Hawaii, LLC. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

The high cost of energy and livestock feed are significant barriers to food security and sustainability in Hawaii. BioTork's proposal to convert agricultural crops and byproducts such as albizia, sweet potatoes, papaya, and molasses to biofuels and high-protein feed would be a boon to Hawaii's agricultural sustainability and economy.

Your Committees request that BioTork submit to your Committees by April 11, 2014, copies of letters from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the

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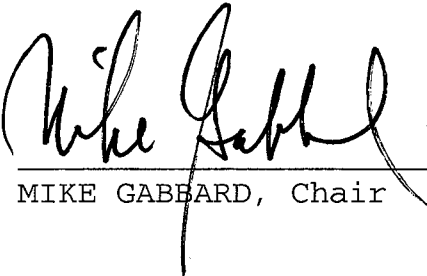
Department of Budget and Finance affirming that these agencies have received and reviewed the applicant's business plan. Your Committees do not require that these letters contain approval for, or render a conclusion regarding, the applicant's business plan.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Energy and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2543, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2543, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Agriculture and  
Energy and Environment,



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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



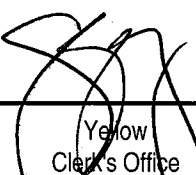
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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate  
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State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture**  
**AGL**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB2543</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AGL/ENE, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/13/14</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
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.		✓		
WAKAI, Glenn	✓	✓		
SLOM, Sam		✓		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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\*Only one measure per Record of Votes

