

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2198

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Energy and Environment and Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2198 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE FUELS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a renewable fuels task force to perform a feasibility study involving locally produced renewable fuels and report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature.

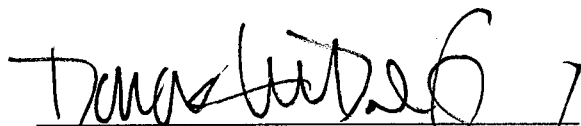
Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance and Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

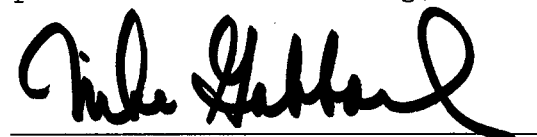
Your Committees find that the intent of the ten percent ethanol requirement enacted by Act 257, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, and codified as section 486J-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is to provide energy independence from foreign oil, reduce statewide gasoline consumption, and establish industrial plants to produce ethanol locally. Despite several planned ethanol plants and an abundance of vacant sugar cane land, no plants have been built, leaving the intent of Act 257 unfulfilled. Further investigation and study are needed since different requirements for diesel fuel may be necessary, as gasoline with ethanol or other biofuels are not an equal substitute for biodiesel because of mechanical and warranty issues involved with diesel engines.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy and Environment and Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2198 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy and
Environment and Economic
Development, Government
Operations and Housing,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



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<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <small>2312</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <small>2311</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold <small>2310</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit <small>2313</small></div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)				✓
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
SLOM, Sam (VC)	X			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				X
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
TOTAL	6	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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