

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

437

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2017

RE: S.B. No. 1015

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Energy, to which was referred S.B. No. 1015 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow the Department of Transportation to deposit funds from the environmental response, energy, and food security tax fund into the state highway fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii and one individual.

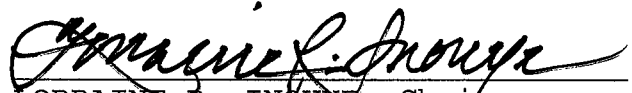
Your Committee finds that a safe, efficient, and effective highway system is vital to the public's well-being. The State's land transportation system is in constant need of repair and maintenance. As the demand for travel increases, the State's roads will continue to deteriorate and require an even greater allocation of resources. Currently, the bulk of the necessary resources are provided through fuel tax dollars that flow through the Federal Highway Trust Fund and the state highway fund. However, the proliferation of more fuel-efficient vehicles and alternative fuel vehicles means that the amount of available funds



for highway maintenance and repair is declining and will continue to decline in the future. Therefore, it is essential that the State look to alternative sources of revenues. Accordingly, this measure allows the Department of Transportation to deposit 60 cents of each barrel of petroleum product subject to the environmental response, energy, and food security tax into the state highway fund.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Energy that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1015 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Energy,


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Transportation and Energy
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1015	Committee Referral: TRE, WAM	Date: 2/15/17		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
HARIMOTO, Breene				/
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TOTAL	3			2
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