

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 16, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2728  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and  
Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 2728 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CLEAN ENERGY TRANSPORTATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to begin the State's  
transition to one hundred per cent clean ground transportation by:

- (1) Establishing a Clean Transportation Initiative to reduce  
and ultimately eliminate the use of fossil fuels in:
  - (A) All public ground transportation by 2035; and
  - (B) All ground transportation, which includes a near  
term 2025 target benchmark;
- (2) Requiring the Department of Transportation to  
collaborate with the State Energy Office to assist  
stakeholders in making all public ground transportation  
clean transportation by 2035, and to identify a plan and  
develop recommendations to help make all ground  
transportation clean transportation thereafter; and
- (3) Clarifying that the transportation objectives of the  
State Planning Act shall include the reduction and



ultimate elimination of the use of fossil fuels in all public ground transportation by 2035, and in all ground transportation thereafter.

The Office of Planning, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Ulupono Initiative, Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter, Tesla, 350Hawaii.org, Blue Planet Foundation, We Are One, Inc., Hawaii Interfaith Power & Light, Hawaii Bioeconomy Trade Organization, Kokua Hawaii Foundation, Pacific Biodiesel Technologies, and many individuals supported this measure. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Department of Transportation, Office of Information Practices, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, Hawaii Automobile Dealers Association, League of Women Voters, and Hawaii Petroleum Marketers Association provided comments.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Defining "public ground transportation" to mean state and county vehicles either owned or contracted for a public purpose and excluding privately owned vehicles;
- (2) Changing its effective date to January 28, 2045, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Transportation that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2728, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2728, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Energy &  
Environmental Protection and  
Transportation,



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HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair



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CHRIS LEE, Chair





