

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 237

S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and
Transportation and Energy, to which was referred S.B. No. 237
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIOFUELS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the
Department of Agriculture to establish the advanced biofuels pilot
project.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from Hawaii Farmers Union United; Hawaii Oil Seed Producers
(HOSPRO) FDN; The Maritime Group LLC; Hawai'i Gas; IMUAlliance;
Clean Energy Solutions, LLC; Locals for Local Change; and twenty
individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to
this measure from one individual. Your Committees received
comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

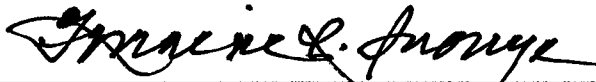
Your Committees find that reducing Hawaii's reliance on
fossil fuels and generating one hundred percent of the State's
energy from renewable resources will help Hawaii's economy by
creating jobs, keeping an estimated \$3,000,000,000 in the State
that would otherwise be spent on imported oil, and significantly
advance the State's clean energy goals. Given the Governor's goal
to double food production by 2020, your Committees have concerns
about directing the Department of Agriculture to pursue large
projects that may detract from that goal.



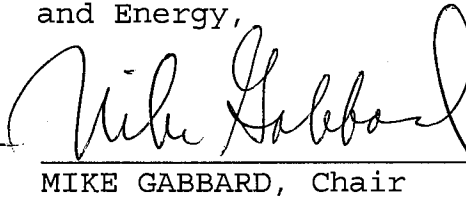
Therefore, your Committees have amended this measure by replacing the Department of Agriculture with the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism as the entity responsible for establishing the advanced biofuels pilot project.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Transportation and Energy that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 237, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 237, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair

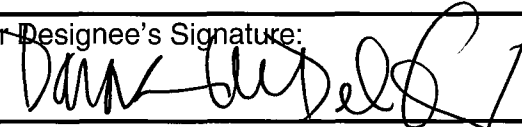


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 237	Committee Referral: AEN/TRE, WAM	Date: 2/6/17		
<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 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
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene				/
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TOTAL	4			1
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