

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3435

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAY 12 2020

RE: H.B. No. 2701  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2701, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require that agency actions undertaken with funds from the Environmental Response Revolving Fund, Energy Security Special Fund, Energy Systems Development Special Fund, and Agricultural Development and Food Security Special Fund be undertaken with careful consideration of how those actions can also assist the State in achieving the State's zero emissions clean economy target and support the State's climate change resilience, environmental response, energy, and food systems; and
- (2) Require that annual reports for these funds also explain to the Legislature how expenditures support the State's clean energy economy and climate change resilience.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Natural Energy Institute of the University of Hawaii, Hawaii State Energy Office, Climate Protectors Coalition,



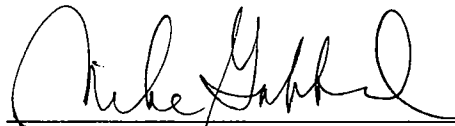
350Hawaii, and fourteen individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that it is important to coordinate as broadly as possible to have the greatest impact in advancing the State's policy goals with respect to emissions and climate resilience. According to testimony received by your Committee, the agencies receiving an allocation from the barrel tax should consider how the use of these funds would help the State achieve its zero emissions, clean economy goals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2020.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2701, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2701, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture and  
Environment,



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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 2701, HD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>03/13/2020</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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)				✓
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <span style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Karl Rhoads</span>				
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