

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3378

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2818  
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2818, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Hawaii State Energy Office to conduct a study regarding the availability, feasibility, and costs of the use of renewable gas in Hawaii by gas utility companies.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii State Energy Office; University of Hawaii System; Big Island Community Coalition; Hawaii Bioeconomy Trade Organization; Blue Planet Foundation; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Coalition for Renewable Natural Gas; Hawaii Gas; Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Par Hawaii; Our Revolution Hawaii; Ulupono Initiative; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from 350 Hawaii and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the study required under this measure will provide important data to support future policies to increase the development, deployment, and use of renewable natural



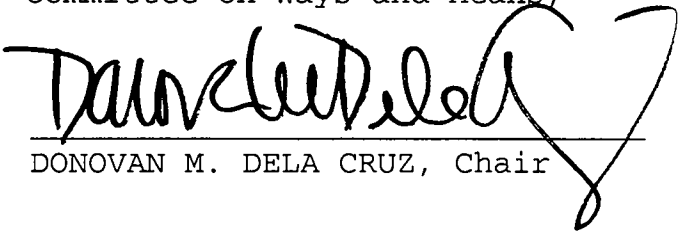
gas in the State. Your Committee believes that an increase in the use of renewable natural gas will decarbonize the State's economy while simultaneously improving environmental quality.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing the Hawaii State Energy Office with the Public Utilities Commission as the entity to conduct the study;
- (2) Adding lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions for existing and renewable gas supplies to the list of factors for assessing the ability to use renewable gas at reasonable costs;
- (3) Deleting the appropriation for conducting the study;
- (4) Making the measure take effect upon its approval; and
- (5) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2818, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2818, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,




DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
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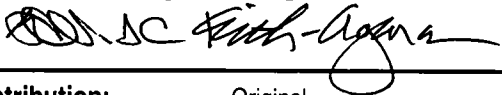
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The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				X
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				X
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil				X
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				X
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt			X	
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