

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1134 -22

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 18 , 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2622  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 2622, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIOFUELS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a two-year pilot project on the island of Molokai to grow crops for the production of biodiesel fuels.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office, one member of the Maui County Council, Biotechnology Innovation Organization, Pacific Biodiesel Technologies, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Hawaii Bioeconomy Trade Organization, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that sustainable agriculture and energy security are critical to the diversification of Hawaii's economy. Establishing a pilot project for the growth of crops for biodiesel fuel production would further efforts to promote agricultural and economic development in the State and provide a renewable energy alternative to petroleum-based diesel fuel.

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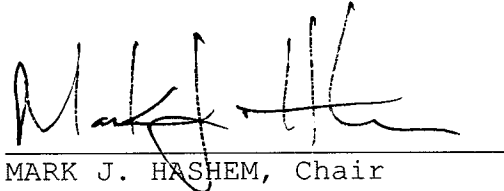


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Broadening applicability of the two-year pilot biodiesel crop pilot project to the State, rather than only to Molokai; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2622, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2622, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

  
MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



