

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 240

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2021

RE: S.B. No. 304
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 304 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CARBON OFFSETS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a voluntary program that allows air travelers going to or from Hawaii to purchase carbon offset credits.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Blue Planet Foundation. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committees find that climate change is one of the most pressing issues of our time. And while there are many contributors to greenhouse gas emissions, air transportation remains one of the largest offenders. Since air travel is essential to tourism, offsetting the carbon emissions associated therewith will be a key element to achieving the zero emissions clean economy target set by the Legislature.

Your Committees note their desire to work with the Department of Land and Natural Resources to determine what is the verified CO2 offset of air travel emissions and how to maximize public outreach to best implement this measure in a meaningful way.



Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the requirement that the Department of Transportation maintain and staff kiosks at airports for the purpose of assisting travelers with purchasing carbon offset credits;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 304, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 304, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



MIKE GABBARD, Chair




CHRIS LEE, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 304</i>	Committee Referral: <i>TRSAEN, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/10/2021</i>		
<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
LEE, Chris (C)	<i>✓</i>			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)				<i>✗</i>
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				<i>✗</i>
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	<i>✓</i>			
FEVELLA, Kurt	<i>✗</i>			
TOTAL	<i>3</i>			<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
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