

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1260

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 16 , 2023

RE: S.B. No. 459
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 459, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HYDROGEN FUELING SYSTEM SUBACCOUNT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds from the Hydrogen Fueling System Subaccount within the Public Utilities Commission Special Fund for the Zero-Emission Vehicle Fueling System Rebate Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Public Utilities Commission, Servco Pacific Inc., and Alliance for Automotive Innovation. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that as the State strives to reach its renewable energy goals, it is critical to fully evaluate the potential for hydrogen to contribute to Hawaii's energy needs. Global research and development show significant progress in understanding and establishing hydrogen as a clean and reliable fuel source. This measure supports additional clean energy infrastructure and clean mobility solutions for Hawaii's residents and visitors.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 459, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 459, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,

Nicole E. Lowen

NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: SB459 SD2	Committee Referral: EEP, CPC, FIN	Date: 03/14/2023		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. COCHRAN, Elle (VC)	✓			
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
4. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.				✓
6. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
7. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (7)	6			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Elle Cochran</u>				
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