

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2504

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,
to which was referred S.B. No. 2504 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal:

- (1) Part II of Act 66, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, which requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to work with the University of Hawaii on workforce development activities that support the development of the Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub and related aspects of the State's hydrogen energy industry; and
- (2) The respective appropriation to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office, 350 Hawaii, and Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that it is necessary to repeal Part II of Act 66, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, as the application of the Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub was not selected for funding by the United States Department of Energy. Your Committee notes that



although the Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub proposal was not selected, the Hawaii State Energy Office has gained considerable knowledge that could accelerate the development of green hydrogen use in the State and that two projects included in the proposal are still moving forward.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of January 1, 2060, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2504, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2504, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy, Economic
Development, and Tourism,


LYNN DECOITE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:	
SB 2504	EET, JDC/WAM	1-30-24	
<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
DECOITE, Lynn (C)	✓		
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓		
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓		
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓		
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓		
TOTAL	5	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted			
Chair's or Designee's Signature:			
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