

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1139-24

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 15 , 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2504  
S.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Higher Education & Technology, to which was referred S.B. No. 2504, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to repeal part II of Act 66, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, which requires and appropriates funds for 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.

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

Your Committees find that in October 2023, the Department of Energy's Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs Program selected several projects across the country to receive funding to establish a regional clean hydrogen hub. Your Committees further find that part II of Act 66, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, was enacted before those projects were selected, when Hawaii was still in the process of competing for funding through the Program, to support the

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State's application for the funding; however, as the State's plan was not selected for the Program, this measure repeals part II of Act 66, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Higher Education & Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2504, S.D. 2, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Energy &  
Environmental Protection and  
Higher Education & Technology,



AMY A. FERRISO, Chair

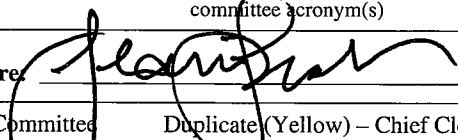


NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair





Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education & Technology

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>SB 2504 SD2</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EET/HET, FIN</b>	Date: <b>3/13/24</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
HET Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. PERRUSO, Amy A. (C)	✓			
2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)	✓			
3. LA CHICA, Trish	✓			
4. MARTEN, Lisa	✓			
5. MARTINEZ, Rose	✓			
6. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.	✓			
7. MIZUNO, May Besario	✓			
8. QUINLAN, Sean				✓
9. TODD, Chris				✓
10. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
11. GARCIA, Diamond				✓
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>8</b>			<b>3</b>
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: 				
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