

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1079

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 13 2025**

RE: H.B. No. 1017  
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1017, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GREENHOUSE GAS SEQUESTRATION TASK FORCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force.

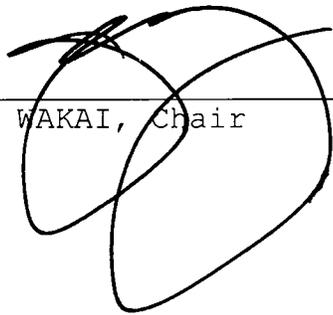
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Office of Planning and Sustainability.

Your Committee finds that Act 15, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, in part, established the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force to assist the State in meeting its clean energy and climate goals. Your Committee additionally finds that although funds were appropriated in 2018 for the Task Force and its related efforts, no further appropriations have been made since. Your Committee notes that the Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission established pursuant to section 225P-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, has a broad purpose, which could include the Task Force's statutory mandates to facilitate carbon sequestration and to help streamline the State's climate mitigation and adaptation efforts. Your Committee therefore finds that the Task Force should be repealed, given this redundancy in objectives.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1017, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy and  
Intergovernmental Affairs,

  
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GLENN WAKAI, Chair



