

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1815

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1017
H.D. 1
S.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 Judiciary, 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 Sustainable Development.

Your Committee finds that when Act 15, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, was passed, it created a task force of state and private sector officials and charged them with important research in several areas with potential for reducing greenhouse gas in the atmosphere. Your Committee further finds that the Legislature provided \$150,000 in general funds to start the research, and the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development initiated three contracts with experts in soil science, farming best practices, and nature-based carbon sequences. However, further funding was not available, and without funds for contractual services and a dedicated staff position to manage the Sunshine Law requirements for the board and research contract management duties, your



Committee believes that section 255P-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, establishing the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force, should be repealed.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1017, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1017, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 1017 HD1	Committee Referral: EJC, JDC	Date: 4/13/25		
<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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	5	—	—	—
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes