STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3111**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 28 2006

RE: S.R. No. 163

Honorable Robert Bunda President of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Government Operations, to which was referred S.R. No. 163 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WITH COOPERATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, TO ASSIST IN THE STATE AND NATIONAL POLICIES TO REDUCE RELIANCE UPON FOSSIL FUELS AND TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ETHANOL INDUSTRY IN THE STATE OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage the Department of Transportation, with cooperation from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, to assist in the state and national policies to reduce reliance upon fossil fuels and to promote the development of an ethanol industry in the State of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Oahu Ethanol Corporation.

Your Committee finds that a local ethanol industry can bolster the sugar industry, which is currently facing declining market prices. It could also stimulate the development of new crops, thereby providing new jobs and strengthening Hawaii's economy. This new industry will help to decrease Hawaii's heavy dependence on imported petroleum. The nature, size, and quantity of ethanol feed stocks, products, and by-products require maritime transport and utilization of state harbors for the berthing of ships for such products, and their loading, off-loading, storage, and distribution.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 163 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Transportation and Government Operations,

LORRAINE R. INOUYE, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation and Government Operations (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SR 163	Committee Referral:		Date:	4/28/	06
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is to:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit (2312) (2311) (2310) (2313)					
Members		Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)					
ESPERO, Will (VC)					
BAKER, Rosalyn H.					
HEE, Clayton					
KANNO, Brian					/
MENOR, Ron					
WHALEN, Paul		o.	/		
TOTAL		3	1		3
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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^{*}Do <u>not</u> list more than one measure per Record of Votes.