

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

680

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1003
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1003, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide financial and other
resources to encourage and facilitate renewable energy development
by:

- (1) Statutorily establishing the Hawaii Natural Energy
Institute (HNEI) of the University of Hawaii (UH) and
creating the Energy Systems Development Special Fund for
the development of renewable energy and energy efficient
technologies; and
- (2) Establishing the Hawaii Biofuels Program within the
Department of Business, Economic Development, and
Tourism (DBEDT), to manage the State's transition to
energy self-sufficiency based in part on biofuels for
power generation and transportation fuels, and creating
the Biofuels Development Revolving Loan Fund, to be
administered by the Hawaii Strategic Development
Corporation.

The Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., and Hawaii Energy Policy
Forum testified in support of this bill. HNEI supported the
intent of this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance

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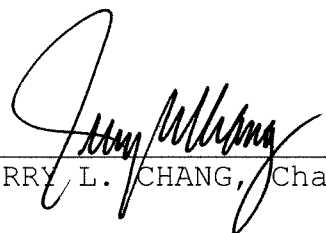
opposed this bill. DBEDT, the Public Utilities Commission, and UH Environmental Center offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Adding provisions to require DBEDT to develop and prepare a bioenergy master plan that will set the course for the coordination and implementation of policies and procedures to develop a bioenergy industry in Hawaii;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation for the development and preparation of the bioenergy master plan;
- (3) Changing all the appropriation amounts to \$1 to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style, including changing the purpose language to reflect the amendments made to the bill.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1003, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1003, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education,




JERRY L. CHANG, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

Bill Resolution No.: HB 1003 HDI HSCR 283		Date: 2/15/07		
Committee Referral: EEP, HED, FIN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hold		<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration		
HED Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CHANG, Jerry L. (C)	✓			
2. BERTRAM, Joe, III (VC)	✓			
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.				✓
4. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				✓
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				✓
6. SAIKI, Scott K.	✓			
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				✓
8. TAKAI, K. Mark	✓			
9. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.				✓
10. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
11. WAKAI, Glenn				✓
12. CHING, Corinne W.L.	✓			✓
13. FINNEGAN, Lynn	WR	✓		
TOTAL	6	1		6
The recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted				
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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