STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1072

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 506

H.D. 1 S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 506, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ETHANOL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to minimize Hawaii's dependence on fossil fuels. This measure accomplishes this goal by extending the existing ethanol production facilities tax credit an additional five years to allow more market participants to construct qualifying facilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. The Department of Taxation and the Tax Foundation of Hawaii submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's future depends on energy independence. This measure is a step in that direction, protecting consumers from artificially high fuel prices and promoting alternative energy production.

Your Committee amended this measure by changing the effective date from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy and Environment that is attached to this

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report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 506, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 506, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Energy and Environment,

RON MENOR. Chair

The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes Committee on Energy and Environment ENE

Bill / Resolution No.:* Committee Referral: Date: HB 506 HD1 ENE, EDT, WAM 3/15/07				
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.				
If so, then the previous decision was to:				
The Recommendation is:				
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Ауе	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
MENOR, Ron (C)				
HOOSER, Gary L. (VC)	ν			
IHARA, Jr., Les				
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				
TRIMBLE, Gordon	1			
TOTAL	2_	1		<u>Z</u>
Recommendation: Adopted	Not Adopted			
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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