STAND. COM. REP. NO. 448 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii

Fey14, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2922

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2008 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2922 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUEL TAX,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to lower the fuel tax for diesel oil sold for use in a power-generating facility to a tax rate of one cent per gallon instead of two cents per gallon.

The Kauai Island Utility Cooperative testified in support of this bill. The Department of Transportation opposed this measure. The Department of Taxation offered comments.

Your Committee notes that the fuel tax increase has had a detrimental effect on Kauai ratepayers. As a regulated cooperative, ratepayers are shareholders of the cooperative and would benefit from a lower fuel tax. Your Committee understands that the cost savings resulting from the decrease will be passed on to the ratepayers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2922 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection,

HERMINA MORITA, Chair

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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: Comm HB 2922	ittee Referral: RN, EEP, F	IN Dat	te: 2-7-08	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MORITA, Hermina M. (C)				
2. CARROLL, Mele (VC)	All the second s			
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3. ITO, Ken				
4. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki				
5. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.				
6. SAGUM, Roland D., III				
7. SAIKI, Scott K.		4.70 (day / 1.40 db)		
8. THIELEN, Cynthia				
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TOTAL (8)		0	U	
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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