STAND. COM. REP. NO. 279

Honolulu, Hawaii Fey 18, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1062

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1062 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GAS PIPELINE SYSTEMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to repeal the Public Utilities Commission's (PUC) responsibility for gas pipeline safety and inspections, as those functions have been performed by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) since 1993.

PUC testified in support of this bill.

Part IV of Chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), requires PUC to establish safety standards consistent with federal regulations for gas pipeline systems, and authorizes PUC to conduct inspections to determine compliance. However, in March 1993, OPS preempted PUC's authority in this area due to a lack of state inspection staff. Because the State has not obtained recertification from the U.S. Department of Transportation, the provisions of Part IV of Chapter 269, HRS, remain supplanted by federal authority over gas pipeline safety.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1062 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1062	Committee Referral: CPC, FIN		Date: 2/11/09	
The committee is reconsidering its previ	ous decision on the measure.			
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CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)				
2. WAKAI, Glenn (VC)				/
3. BELATTI, Della Au				
4. CABANILLA, Rida				
5. CARROLL, Mele				
6. ITO, Ken				
7. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki				
8. LUKE, Sylvia				
9. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				
10. MIZUNO, John M.				
11. MORITA, Hermina M.				
12. SOUKI, Joseph M.				
13. TSUJI, Clift	V			
14. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.				
15. THIELEN, Cynthia	titical prop Very	a state of a state of the state		
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature:	X X	/		
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