

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2009

RE: S.B. No. 32
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 32 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUEL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the sunset date of the general excise tax exemption on gross income or proceeds from the sale of alcohol fuels.

Comments were submitted by one private organization. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by one state department. Written testimony presented to your Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii drivers typically pay high fuel prices and a general excise tax upon alcohol fuels only serves to make those prices higher. However, while the added cost of the general excise tax would increase the cost of gasoline, it may also help the public to make the shift away from the consumption of fossil fuel to "greener" alternatives.

Your Committee finds that the competing concerns regarding this issue merit further consideration. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050 to ensure ongoing discussions on this very important issue.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 32, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 32, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 32</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">ENE, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">17 Feb 2009</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)	/			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
TOTAL	7			
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; display: inline-block;">J. Kalani English</div>				
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