

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 486
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. 486 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL
PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds for BioEnergy Hawaii, LLC.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one state agency, two organizations, and one individual. Comments were submitted by one state agency. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that BioEnergy Hawaii, LLC proposes to build a waste-to-energy facility that will produce as much as ten megawatts of electricity without the use of fossil fuels.

Your Committee finds that the benefits of the proposed waste-to-energy facility include significantly reducing solid waste, which has created a problem with landfill space; reducing the State's dependence on imported fossil fuels; reducing the State's carbon footprint by recycling carbon dioxide through the gasification of waste into energy; and producing leftover biomass that may be used in animal feed.

Your Committee believes that the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds for the proposed waste-to-energy facility is in the

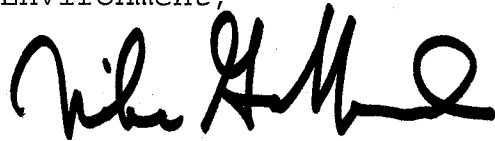


public interest, as it could provide electricity for up to eight thousand typical homes in addition to the additional benefits described above.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments to correct a typographical error.

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. 486, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 486, 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.:* <i>SB 486</i>	Committee Referral: <i>ENE, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2-17-9</i>		
<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;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </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	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
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="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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