STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2714

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 0 2 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2339

S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui President of the Senate Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2012 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2339, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ETHANOL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal the requirement that gasoline sold in the State contain ten per cent ethanol.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee finds that the existing ethanol mandate is intended to utilize local sources to contribute to the State's energy security and indigenous energy resource goals. However, ethanol production and fuel blending has yet to take place in the State because landowners, technology experts, and financiers have not yet executed the necessary agreements. Therefore, your Committee finds that the ethanol mandate reaps no economic benefit for Hawaii, requires the import of ethanol into Hawaii, creates an economic burden for our residents, and, therefore, should be repealed.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2339, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

DAVID Y. KGE, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Sixth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:	
SB 2339,5D1	ENE/CPN, WAM 2-23-12				
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		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)					
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)					
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne					
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.					
ENGLISH, J. Kalani					
ESPERO, Will					
FUKUNAGA, Carol					
KIM, Donna Mercado				1	
KAHELE, Gilbert					
KOUCHI, Ronald D.					
RYAN, Pohai					
TOKUDA, Jill N.					
WAKAI, Glenn					
SLOM, Sam					
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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