

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1092
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1092 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CARBON OFFSETS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish procedures for the Department of Transportation to assist and enable a person to voluntarily purchase a verified carbon offset for carbon dioxide emissions resulting from the person's air travel to or from an airport in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Blue Planet Foundation. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from 350Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation and Office of Planning.

Your Committee finds that there are many contributors to climate change, and transportation-generated greenhouse gas emissions are a significant contributor. Establishing a carbon offsetting and reduction scheme will help the State achieve its zero-emission clean economy target, while appealing to air travelers who are aware of the climate change implications of their travel.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Transportation to work in consultation with the Office of Planning to facilitate the voluntary purchase of air travel carbon offsets;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 1092, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1092, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



