

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1010

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 197
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 197, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Health to establish a Refrigerant Management Program to reduce emissions of high global warming potential refrigerants and any refrigerant that is an ozone depleting substance from stationary, commercial, and industrial refrigeration equipment and adopt rules for the regulation of the use of such refrigerants;
- (2) Require the State Building Code Council to establish codes and standards consistent with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons when updating the state building code;
- (3) Specify that no law, rule, ordinance, or code, including the state building code, shall prohibit or limit the use of a refrigerant that is designated as acceptable for use under federal law; and

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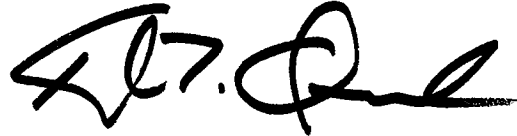


- (4) Appropriate funds for the Refrigerant Management Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Kaua'i Climate Action Coalition; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Wild Kids; Air-Conditioning, Heating, & Refrigeration Institute; and nine individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 197, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 197 HD1	Committee Referral: EEP, CPL, FIN	Date: 2/27/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)	✓			
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)	✓			
3. AIU, Micah P.K.	✓			
4. CHUN, Cory M.	✓			
5. COCHRAN, Elle	✓			
6. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	✓			
7. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
8. KILA, Darius K.	✓			
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
10. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.	✓			
11. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
12. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				✓
13. POEPOE, Mahina	✓			
14. TAKENOUCI, Jenna	✓			
15. ALCOS III, David	✓			
16. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (16)	15	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>David Alcos III</i></u>				
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