

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2812**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 29 2024**

RE: S.B. No. 2504  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2504, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal certain provisions relating to the proposed Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub.

Specifically, this measure repeals part II of Act 66, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, which:

- (1) Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to work with the University of Hawaii on workforce development activities that supported the development of the Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub; and
- (2) Appropriates moneys to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to develop the Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office and Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.



Your Committee finds that part II of Act 66, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, was enacted to support the State's pursuit of federal funding for the development of a Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub. Your Committee further finds that although Hawaii's application was not selected by the federal government for funding, the Hawaii State Energy Office gained knowledge through the development process that will be useful in advancing future green hydrogen projects.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to upon its approval; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments to correct bill section numbering errors.

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. 2504, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2504, S.D. 2.

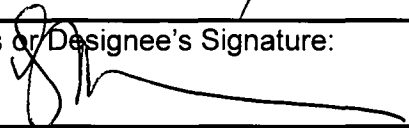
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Second Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes  
Committee on Ways and Means  
WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2904, SD 1	EET, WAM	2/23/2024		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn				X
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				X
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	11			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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