

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2588

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2753

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Government Operations and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2753 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BUILDING CODES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify that no state or county building code shall prohibit the use of a substitute refrigerant allowed by the Environmental Protection Agency if the applicable equipment is listed and installed in compliance with the latest safety standards.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Hawaii Chapter of 350.org, Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute, and Climate Protectors Hawai'i.

Your Committees find that certain refrigerants, including hydrofluorocarbons, are potent greenhouse gases that can have an immense impact on global warming. While the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2020 mandates an eighty-five percent phasedown in hydrofluorocarbon refrigerants, updates to the State Building Code are needed to comply with this mandate. This measure ensures the safety and efficiency of alternate refrigerants while promoting environmental protection.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Government Operations and Agriculture and



Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2753 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Government Operations and Agriculture and Environment,

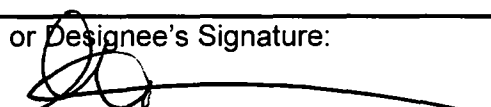

MIKE GABBARD, Chair


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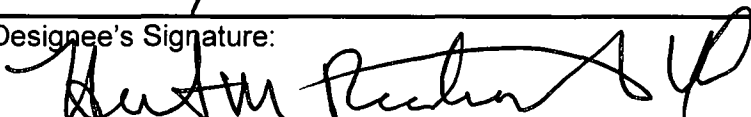
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The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
AWA, Brenton				X
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