

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 459
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,
to which was referred S.B. No. 459 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HYDROGEN FUELING SYSTEM
SUBACCOUNT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate
funds from the Hydrogen Fueling System Subaccount within the
Public Utilities Commission Special Fund for the Zero-Emission
Vehicle Fueling System Rebate Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Public Utilities Commission and Servco Pacific, Inc.

Your Committee finds that the demand for alternative forms of
refueling vehicles will continue to grow to meet the State's
renewable energy goals. However, a significant barrier to the
adoption of zero-emission vehicles is access to fueling stations.
The Zero Emission Vehicle Fueling System Rebate Program was
established in 2022 and requires a direct appropriation for the
Public Utilities Commission to expend the barrel tax funds
deposited into the Hydrogen Fueling System Subaccount. This
measure is accordingly necessary to implement the Rebate Program
and further promote the delivery of clean hydrogen to help the
State meet its renewable energy goals.



Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting the appropriation of \$1,000,000 and inserting a blank amount.

Should your Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce and Consumer Protection choose to deliberate on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that they consider inserting an appropriation amount of \$1,000,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 459, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 459, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy, Economic
Development, and Tourism,


LYNN DECOITE, Chair



