

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3568**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2024

RE: S.C.R. No. 126

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 126 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO INCREASE THE STATE'S USAGE OF BIODIESEL AND TO FUND PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BIODIESEL INDUSTRY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to encourage the Department of Agriculture and Hawaii State Energy Office to increase the State's usage of biodiesel and to fund programs that support the development of the biodiesel industry.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Pacific Biodiesel Technologies, LLC; and three individuals.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition of this measure from Life of the Land.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Hawaii State Energy Office, and one individual.

Your Committees find that biodiesel is a safe and sustainable alternative to petroleum-based fuels and that byproducts of its



production can be used as livestock feed and in food, pharmaceutical, and cosmetic industries. Your Committees further find that the establishment of a single biodiesel refinery in the State would generate millions in revenue, hundreds of jobs, and additional opportunities for agricultural research. This measure supports the growth of local agriculture and energy sectors and thereby the economic diversity and resiliency of the State.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 126 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture and
Environment and Energy,
Economic Development, and
Tourism,

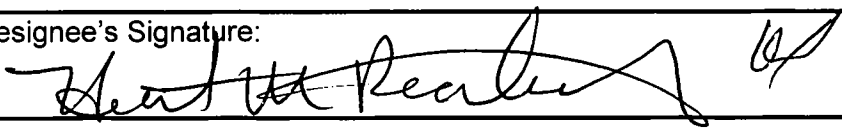

LYNN DECOITE, Chair


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SCR 126	AEN/EET	04/02/24		
<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 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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
AWA, Brenton				X
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

