

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 586
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B.
No. 586 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the
State and counties to upgrade to zero emission buses by 2045.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
Commission, Hawaii State Energy Office, Office of the Mayor of the
County of Hawaii, 350Hawaii.org, Coalition Earth, and one
individual.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Public Utilities
Commission, and State Procurement Office.

Your Committee finds that unabated greenhouse gas emissions,
and resulting climate change and sea level rise, present an urgent
and existential threat to citizens of the State. As the State has
shown a dedication to mitigating the impacts of climate change



through laws, statutes, regulations, and incentives, the statewide goal of net carbon neutrality is still a distant reality. Therefore, by implementing zero emission buses into the extensive transportation system of the State, this measure will drastically decrease the State's dependence on fossil fuels.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have:
 - (A) Required the Procurement Policy Board to adopt rules necessary to transition buses to be one hundred percent zero emission; and
 - (B) Defined "pollutant" and "zero emission bus";
- (2) Requiring the state agencies who purchase or lease buses to seek vehicles that reduce dependence on petroleum;
- (3) Defining the term "bus" for motor vehicle procurement requirements;
- (4) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion;
- (5) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose; and
- (6) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 586, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 586, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Transportation
and Culture and the Arts and
Agriculture and Environment,

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MIKE GABBARD, Chair

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CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
TCA

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 586	Committee Referral: TCA/AEN, CPN/WAM	Date: 2/5/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha			✓	
TOTAL	4		1	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> Distribution: Original File with Committee Report </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Yellow Clerk's Office </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Pink Drafting Agency </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Goldenrod Committee File Copy </div> </div>				

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