

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3700**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 10 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2423
H.D. 3
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2423, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIODIESEL,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to implement a requirement that, no later than January 1, 2028, diesel fuel sold in certain counties for use in on-highway diesel-powered motor vehicles contains no less than five percent biodiesel by volume, except in circumstances where the supply of biodiesel is insufficient;
- (2) Require the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to submit a report to the Legislature, including a comprehensive rollout plan;
- (3) Require the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to consult with the Department of Transportation during the development and implementation of the biodiesel requirements; and



(4) Present the comprehensive rollout plan to the public.

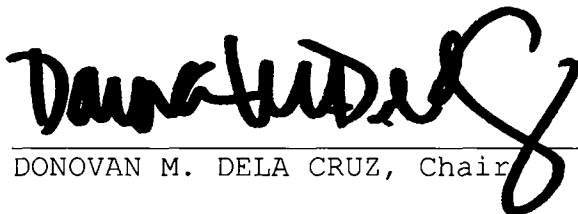
Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Pacific Biodiesel Technologies and one individual.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office.

Your Committees find that diesel fuel that contains five percent biodiesel by volume, known as "B5" in the industry, can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reliance on fossil fuels. Your Committees further find that it is possible for fuel wholesalers in the State to integrate "B5" into their diesel fuel without modifications or other difficult logistics. This measure would support the State to meet its statutory climate and clean energy goals, including the commitment to achieving a net-negative greenhouse gas economy and reducing petroleum consumption in the transportation sector.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Ways and Means that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2423, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Commerce and
Consumer Protection and Ways
and Means



DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair

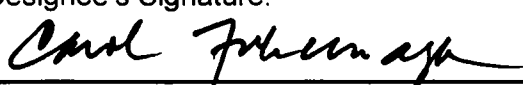


JARRETT KEOHOKALOOLE, Chair



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Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB2423 HD3, SD1	EDT/ELG, CPN / WAM	04/07/2026		
<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
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
LAMOSAO, Rachele	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
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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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

