

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 19**, 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2999  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 2999, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A CLEAN FUEL STANDARD,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Transportation to adopt rules by January 1, 2028, establishing a clean fuel standard for alternative fuels in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission; Pump Cleaner Fuels Hawai'i; Neste; Life of the Land; Imua Alliance; Clean Energy; Simonpietri Enterprises LLC; Rivan; Tesla; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Green Party of Hawai'i; Energy Justice Network; and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Beta Analytic; Par Hawaii; Island Energy Services, LLC; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that transportation is the State's largest source of lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions and that alternative, cleaner fuel sources can help mitigate the environmental harm associated with this sector. Your Committee



further finds that to prompt the use of clean fuels and zero-emission vehicles, other states like California, Oregon, and Washington have successfully implemented programs that reduce the carbon intensity of their transportation fuels. This measure seeks to implement such an initiative in Hawaii, requiring the development of a clean fuel standard for alternative fuels that is designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, stimulate economic growth, promote public and environmental health, and support the clean fuel industry.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2999, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2999, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Transportation.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy &  
Environmental Protection,



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NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>SB 2999 SDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EEP, TRN, FIN</b>	Date: <b>3/17/26</b>
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)	✓			
3. CHUN, Cory M.	✓			
4. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
5. KUSCH, Matthias	✓			
6. QUINLAN, Sean	✓			
7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren		✓		
<b>TOTAL (7)</b>	6	1		

The recommendation is:  Adopted  Not Adopted  
 If joint referral, \_\_\_\_\_ did not support recommendation.  
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: *Amy Perruso*

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