

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 18, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1296
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1296 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to implement a hydrogen economy in Hawaii by establishing the Hydrogen Implementation Authority within the State Energy Office of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

The Hawaii Center for Advanced Transportation Technologies supported this measure. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Hawaii Automobile Dealers' Association submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Deleting provisions establishing the Hydrogen Implementation Authority;
- (2) Designating the director of the Hawaii Center for Advanced Transportation Technologies of the High Technology Development Corporation as the State Hydrogen Implementation Coordinator;
- (3) Establishing the responsibilities of the State Hydrogen Implementation Coordinator;



- (4) Requiring that the Hydrogen Investment Capital Special Fund be used to provide funding for the implementation of hydrogen infrastructure, instead of providing seed capital for and venture capital investments in private-sector and federal projects for research, development, testing, and implementation of the Hawaii Renewable Hydrogen Program and related purposes;
- (5) Establishing the Hydrogen Implementation Working Group to study and examine methods to promote the expansion of hydrogen-based energy in Hawaii and directing the working group to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature by November 30, 2015; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for 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 H.B. No. 1296, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1296, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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


CHRIS LEE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1296	Committee Referral: EEP, FIN	Date: 2/5/2015		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (VC)	✓			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	✓			
4. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
5. ING, Kaniela	✓			
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
7. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	✓			
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
9. POUHA, Feki	✓			
10. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
TOTAL (10)	10	∅	∅	∅
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Nicole E. Lowen</u>				
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