

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1121

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 27, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 359  
S.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 S.B. No. 359, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, ENERGY, AND FOOD SECURITY TAX,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to strengthen the self-sustainability of the State by:

- (1) Adjusting the allocations from the Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security Tax to the Environmental Response Revolving Fund, Energy Security Special Fund, Energy Systems Development Special Fund, and Agricultural Development and Food Security Special Fund;
- (2) Making permanent the Agricultural Development and Food Security Special Fund and repealing the June 30, 2030, lapse date of unexpended or unencumbered moneys in the Fund; and
- (3) Making permanent the amendments made under Act 73, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, to the Environmental Response Revolving Fund; Energy Security Special Fund; and Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security Tax.



The Department of Health, Hawaii Invasive Species Council, Environmental Council of the State of Hawaii, Board of Water Supply of the City and County of Honolulu, Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Energy Policy Forum, Hawaii Green Growth, Renewable Energy Action Coalition of Hawaii, and a concerned individual supported the measure. The Department of Agriculture, Department of Budget and Finance, Hawaii Natural Energy Institute at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Ulupono Initiative, and Tax Foundation of Hawaii submitted comments.

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. 359, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



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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**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> SB 359, SD1	<b>Committee Referral:</b> EEP, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 3/24/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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	/			
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	8	0	0	2
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <i>Nicole E. R.</i>				
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