

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 03 2017

RE: S.B. No. 976

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 976 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TIER II FILING FEES FOR REPORTING OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the Hawaii Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, Tier II filing fee from \$100 to \$200.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Transportation; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Pacific Biodiesel Technologies, LLC; Alaka'i Mechanical Corporation; Par Hawaii; Island Energy Services; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that Tier II filing fees are used by the county local emergency planning committees to conduct joint emergency planning response training, provide community outreach, purchase specialized equipment, and fund hazardous materials emergency preparedness activities. As operational and equipment costs have risen over the years, it is necessary to increase the fee to maintain the emergency preparedness and response capabilities of the county first responders that respond to hazardous materials incidents statewide.

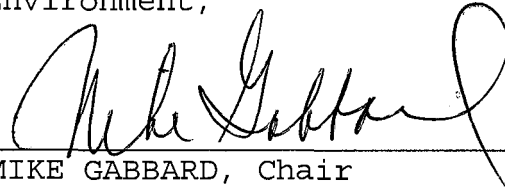
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of

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S.B. No. 976 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture and
Environment,


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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 976	AEN, WAM	2/1/17
<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	
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X	
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	X	
RHOADS, Karl	X	
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X	
TOTAL	5	0
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Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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