

Honolulu, Hawaii

July 31, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3151
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 3151 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRONIC PERMITTING FEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow certain environmental programs of the Department of Health to conduct business electronically and withhold funds to cover the cost of electronic or credit card provider services.

Your Committee received testimony supporting this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Health is developing an electronic permit and fee payment procedure to expedite and enhance the permit application process for certain environmental programs. To encourage the use of this electronic method, this measure allows the Department to deduct credit card fees to avoid adding a surcharge to permit applications. The new process will spare the Department from paying the processing and credit card fees from other program funds and ultimately result in more efficient use of Department resources.

Your Committee has amended the measure by:

- (1) Modifying the purpose section of the bill to more clearly reflect the bill's purpose; and



- (2) Making technical amendments that have no substantive effect.

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. 3151, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3151, 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,

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HERMINA MORITA, Chair



