

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 4, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3160
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. 3160 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRUISE SHIPS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to consolidate the statutory regulation of air emissions from large commercial passenger vessels under the State's air pollution control law rather than under the State's water pollution law.

Specifically, this bill transfers all relevant air pollution control provisions applicable to large commercial passenger vessels that currently exist in chapter 342D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to water pollution, to a newly created part in chapter 342B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to air pollution control.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this bill from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that this administration bill will allow for less cumbersome and more rational enforcement of air pollution provisions, as they apply to large commercial passenger vessels.

Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended this bill by deleting the insertion of all new definitions under section 342B-A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, in section 1 of the bill.



Instead, your Committee has defined those terms as having the same meanings as already defined in section 342D-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Your Committee has also made technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and drafting convention.

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. 3160, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3160, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committees on Tourism & Culture and Transportation.

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



HERMINA MORITA, Chair



