

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 192
H.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,
to which was referred H.B. No. 192, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit the
sale of certain fluorescent lamps in the State as a new
manufactured product, with certain exemptions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, Hawaii State Energy Office, Hawai'i
Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission, Department of
Environmental Management for the county of Hawai'i, Blue Planet
Foundation, Hawai'i Energy, Appliance Standards Awareness Project,
Ulupono Initiative, Climate Protectors Hawaii, and nine
individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to
this measure from the Retail Merchants of Hawaii. Your Committee
received comments on this measure from the Alliance for Automotive
Innovation.

Your Committee finds that fluorescent bulbs were once the
preferred option for many uses. However, light-emitting diodes
(LEDs) have emerged as readily-available replacements for
fluorescents in a variety of shapes and sizes and do not contain
any of the toxic mercury found in fluorescent bulbs.
Additionally, LEDs use less energy than fluorescents, last twice



as long, and typically cost far less to purchase and operate over their lifetime. This measure will prevent additional toxic pollutants from being brought into the State's ecosystem, reduce energy use, and save consumer money by phasing out the sale of mercury-containing bulbs in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 192, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy, Economic
Development, and Tourism,


LYNN DECOITE, Chair



