

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1865-24

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 15 , 2024

RE: S.C.R. No. 74  
S.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 74, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE METHODS USED IN OTHER STATES TO MONITOR AIR POLLUTANTS EMITTED BY MUNICIPAL WASTE COMBUSTION FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Health to conduct a study of the methods used in other states to monitor air pollutants emitted by municipal waste combustion facilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Climate Protectors Hawaii; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Energy Justice Network; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Covanta.

Your Committee finds that of the twenty-two known pollutants that municipal waste combustion facilities in the State emit, only four are monitored continuously, while the remaining eighteen are either monitored once per year or not at all. Your Committee further finds that different states employ different methods to monitor pollutants emitted by municipal waste combustion

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facilities and that the experiences of other states may be helpful for determining the optimal monitoring method for Hawaii. This measure requests the Department of Health to conduct a study of the methods used in other states to monitor air pollutants emitted by municipal waste combustion facilities.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 74, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



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NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



