

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14, 2025

RE: H.B. No. 256  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which  
was referred H.B. No. 256 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require an owner or  
operator of a waste-to-energy facility to comply with certain  
United States Environmental Protection Agency regulations as they  
existed on December 31, 2024.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Environmental Services of the City and  
County of Honolulu; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party  
of Hawai'i; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; Reworld; and two  
individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to  
this measure from one individual. Your Committee received  
comments on this measure from the Department of Health and two  
individuals.

Your Committee finds that the State must ensure that  
environmental standards governing the operations of waste-to-  
energy facilities are upheld regardless of any potential  
backsliding on existing emission limits that may be proposed by  
the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that owners or operators of waste-to-energy facilities must comply with certain regulations for emission limitations as they existed on December 31, 2024, unless emission limitations are made more stringent;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 256, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 256, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-third Legislature

## Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 256		Committee Referral: EEP, CPC		Date: 2/13/25
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)	✓			
3. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
4. KUSCH, Matthias	✓			
5. QUINLAN, Sean				✓
6. WARD, Gene				✓
TOTAL (6)	4			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <i>(Signature: Amy Perruso)</i>				
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