

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1723

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2025

RE: H.B. No. 256  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 256, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent 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 for emission limitations as they existed on December 31, 2024, unless the emission limits are made more stringent by federal regulations or by the state air pollution control permit issued to that owner or operator by the Department of Health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Reworld, and one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from Climate Protectors Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that the Environmental Protection Agency recently announced a major deregulation initiative with plans to reconsider rules and policies that largely address climate change or aim to reduce pollution from the burning of fossil fuels. The State is committed to maintaining stringent environmental standards that govern the operations of waste-to-energy facilities



and preventing backsliding due to potential changes that may be proposed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. This measure will therefore help protect the State's environment and public health for current and future generations by preserving the existing environmental protections already in place in the event that less stringent federal regulations are subsequently enacted.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 256, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection,



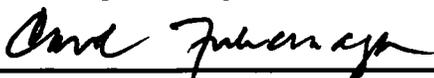
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JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**CPN**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 256 HD2 SD1	HHS/AEN, CPN	4/1/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	✓			
AWA, Brenton			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>1</b>	
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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