

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 767

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 332  
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. 332 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECYCLING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the Electronic Device Recycling and Recovery Act to include the collection and recycling of certain lithium-ion batteries; and
- (2) Require manufacturers of lithium-ion batteries to recycle or arrange for the recycling of lithium-ion batteries sold in the State, and ensure the safe collection, storage, transportation, and recycling of batteries.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission; Department of Environmental Management of the County of Hawai'i; Product Stewardship Institute; and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Consumer Healthcare Products Association; Consumer Technology Association; The Rechargeable Battery Association; Mr. K's Recycle and Redemption Center, Inc.;



and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health; Hawaii State Energy Office; and Hawaii Food Industry Association.

Your Committee finds that the improper disposal of lithium-ion batteries poses safety and environmental risks. However, your Committee finds that this measure, as drafted, may be premature and recognizes the need to further assess recycling methods for certain types of lithium-ion batteries in order to implement effective policies that would address the environmental harm associated with improper disposal.

Therefore, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents, except the preamble, and inserting language establishing a Lithium-ion Battery Recycling Working Group to assess recycling methods for small and medium format lithium-ion batteries;
- (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.

Your Committee notes that although this measure does not contain an appropriation, the Department of Health has identified the need for an appropriation of \$75,000 for the working group, to potentially be appropriated from the Deposit Beverage Container Deposit Special Fund.

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. 332, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 332, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole E. Lowen", written in a cursive style.

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NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



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<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">HB 302</div>	<b>Committee Referral:</b> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">EEP, CPC</div>	<b>Date:</b> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">2/13/25</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <span><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is)</span> <span><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD)</span> <span><input type="checkbox"/> Hold</span> </div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)       </div>				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
3. KAHALOA, Kirstin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
4. KUSCH, Matthias	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
5. QUINLAN, Sean				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. WARD, Gene				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>TOTAL (6)</b>	4			2
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <span><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted</span> <span><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span> </div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;">             If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.  <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div> </div>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">Amy Perruso</div>				
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