

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 918  
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 Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 918, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABELING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish labeling requirements for certain premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes;
- (2) Require certain manufacturers of covered products to submit for approval, their "DO NOT FLUSH" label notices and symbols to the United States Environmental Protection Agency by January 1, 2026; and
- (3) Appropriate funds.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition, Hawai'i Association of REALTORS, and two individuals.

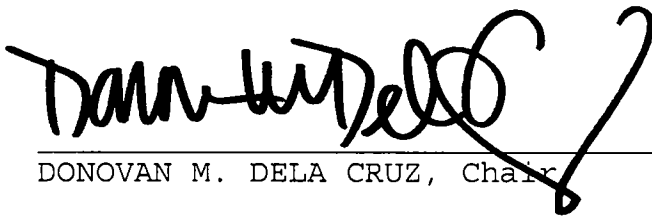
Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Retail Merchants of Hawaii.



Your Committees find that when flushed down the toilet, some premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes, despite being labeled as "flushable" or "disposable", do not break down, clogging wastewater systems. Your Committees further find that clear labels, and the positions established by this measure, will help educate and inform consumers that certain wipes should not be flushed, thereby reducing damage to wastewater systems. This measure establishes label requirements on manufacturers of disposable wipes to protect municipal wastewater infrastructure and minimize sewage spills from clogged systems.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Ways and Means that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 918, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection and Ways  
and Means,



DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB918 HD2 SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HHS/AEN, CPN/WAM</b>	Date: <b>4/2/2025</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted           <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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