

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 21

, 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 194
S.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 S.C.R. No. 194, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH TO ENCOURAGE REDUCTIONS IN THE USE OF DISPOSABLE
SURGICAL EQUIPMENT AND ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES IN
THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOLLOWING EXAMPLES SET
BY CALIFORNIA AND JAPAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of
Health to encourage reductions in the use of disposable surgical
equipment and adoption of sustainable practices in the provision
of health care services following examples set by California and
Japan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition.

Your Committee finds that health care facilities in the State
generate significant waste through single-use surgical instruments
and supplies, contributing to the overflow of landfills and
pollution. Your Committee further finds that certain surgical
instruments could be reprocessed and sterilized or recycled,
reducing waste and supporting the State's environmental and
sustainability goals. This measure encourages sustainable

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practices for the use and disposal of surgical equipment, modeled after practices adopted by California and Japan.

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. 194, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 194, SD1	Committee Referral: HLT, EEP	Date: 4/15/2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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				✓
TOTAL (5)	4			1
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: _____				
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