

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1632

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 111
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 Transportation and Culture and the Arts
and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.R.
No. 111 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE ADOPTION OF
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL PLASTICS
TREATY AND RAPA NUI SUMMIT DECLARATION TO ADDRESS CLIMATE
JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to encourage the
adoption of recommendations from the United National Global
Plastics Treaty and Rapa Nui Summit Declaration to address climate
justice and sustainable development.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from Greenpeace Hawaii, 350Hawaii.org, Energy Justice Network,
Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Green
Party of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition, Kauai Climate
Action Coalition, and two individuals.

Your Committees find that plastic pollution contributes to
climate change and biodiversity loss while threatening public
health. Plastic pollution is especially dangerous to the State
given its cultural and economic reliance on the diverse ecology of
the islands and surrounding ocean. The United Nations Global
Plastics Treaty and Rapa Nui Summit Declaration offer guidance for



states to reduce and address plastic pollution. Accordingly, this measure encourages the adoption and implementation of the recommendations these documents offer which will better position the State to address the harmful effects of plastics.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the State should aim to create economic incentives that follow the Zero Waste Hierarchy, rather than the waste hierarchy; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 111, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 111, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Transportation
and Culture and the Arts and
Agriculture and Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



CHRIS LEE, Chair



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Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
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