

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 179

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Human Services and Housing and Energy and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 179 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOLID WASTE REDUCTION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority is authorized to contract with private businesses to remove food and green wastes from public housing projects.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

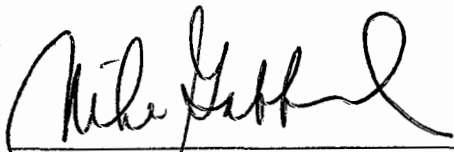
Your Committees find that the State should lead by example while moving toward a more environmentally sustainable future. An effective way to increase environmental sustainability is to diminish the necessity of landfills by diverting food waste and green waste from landfills to composting and energy generation.

Your Committees further find that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority currently recycles its green waste in a variety of ways, including using mulch and wood chips to soak up old paint that needs to be removed and creating compost gardens. This measure ensures that if the burden for these environmental sustainability activities becomes too burdensome for the Authority, the Authority will be authorized to seek help by contracting with private businesses.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Housing and Energy and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 179 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Human Services  
and Housing and Energy and  
Environment,



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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



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SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



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**Committee on Human Services and Housing**  
**HSH**

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB179</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HSH/ENE, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">Feb. 17, 2015</div>		
<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-between; 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>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
GREEN, Josh (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	0	0	1
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="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-left: 100px;">John 12</div>				
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