

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1776

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 7

, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 320
S.D. 1
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which
was referred S.B. No. 320, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage greater
environmental sustainability by allowing composting operations on
agricultural district lands; provided that:

- (1) A county special use permit is granted for the
composting operation; and
- (2) On land with soil classified as class A or B by the Land
Study Bureau's detailed land classification, the
composting operation is limited to on-site use and
occupies not more than one acre or ten percent of the
parcel, whichever is less.

The Department of Agriculture and two concerned individuals
supported the measure. Pulama Lanai supported the measure with
amendments. The Department of Planning and Permitting of the City
and County of Honolulu and Maui EKO Systems testified in
opposition. The Council Member for District 9 of the Hawaii
County Council submitted comments.

SB320 HD2 HSCR EEP HMS 2015-3073



Your Committee has amended the measure by requiring a county special use permit for a composting operation only for composting operations using materials sourced from off-site.

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 S.B. No. 320, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 320, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

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


CHRIS LEE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

HSCR 1376

Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 320, HD1	Committee Referral: AGR, EEP	Date: 3/31/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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. LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (VC)	✓			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	✓			
4. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
5. ING, Kaniela				✓
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
7. SAY, Calvin K.Y.				✓
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
9. POUHA, Feki	✓			
10. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
TOTAL (10)	8	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Nicole E. Lowen</u>				
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