

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 353

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 353 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECYCLING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the advance disposal fee for glass containers to a tiered structure based on the interior volume of the glass container; and
- (2) Require the State Auditor to audit the advance disposal fee program at the earliest opportunity and again five years later and submit the results to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the County of Hawaii Department of Environmental Management. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Wine Institute. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Office of the Auditor, Department of Health, Tax Foundation of Hawaii, and Hawaii Food Industry Association.

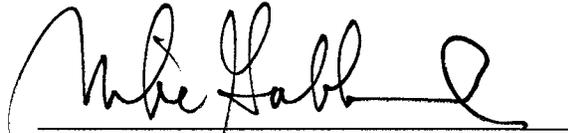
Your Committee finds that the cost of recycling glass containers far exceeds the revenue that the State receives through the advance disposal fee, which is imposed on sealed glass containers that are not glass deposit beverage containers. The result is a shortfall in payment for glass recycling or stoppages in the recycling of glass containers.



Your Committee further finds that the advance disposal fee of 1.5 cents per glass container has not been increased since it was established on September 1, 1994. Also, there is a huge disparity in weight between small glass containers and larger glass containers, which cost more to recycle. This measure revises the advance disposal fee for glass containers to a fairer, more reasonable tiered structure based on the interior volume of the glass container.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 353 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy and
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 353	Committee Referral: ENE, WAM	Date: Feb. 5, 2015		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
GREEN, Josh (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes