

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 10, 2017

H.B. No. 1545 RE:

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1545 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the use of polystyrene food and beverage containers in state-owned and staterun buildings beginning January 1, 2020 and require that food and beverages be packed in compostable containers in state-owned or state-run buildings. This measure also prohibits any state agency or department from entering into new contracts to purchase polystyrene food or beverage containers beginning January 1, 2018.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Democratic Party of Hawaii; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; Plastic Free Hawaii; Hawaii Wildlife Fund; Ano Swimwear; Surfrider Foundation, Oahu Chapter; Conservation Council for Hawaii; Kokua Hawaii Foundation; Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawaii; Conservation Ocean; Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action; and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. Hawaii Restaurant Association, American Chemistry Council, KYD, Inc., and several individuals testified in opposition to this measure. Several individuals commented on this measure.

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 H.B. No. 1545 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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-ninth Legislature



## Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1545	Committee Referral: EEP, CPG, JUD Date:  1   9   17			
θ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) θ Pass, with amendments (HD) θ Hold θ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LEE, Chris (C)	レ			
2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (VC)				
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3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				
4. EVANS, Cindy				
5. ICHIYAMA, Linda			ia, rosen et eggassijikasi	
6. KONG, Sam Satoru			V	
7. SAY, Calvin K.Y.				
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8. YAMANE, Ryan I.				
9. FUKUMOTO, Beth				
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The recommendation is:   Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Misch & Lower				
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