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GOVERNOR

July 10, 2018

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1255**

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

I am transmitting herewith SB2519 SD2 HD1 CD1, without my approval and with the statement of objections relating to the measure.

SB2519 SD2 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2519

Honorable Members  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

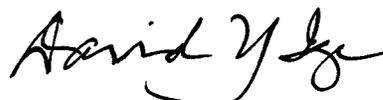
Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 2519, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to the Environment."

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) to enter into contracts with private businesses to remove select municipal solid waste, glass, and food and green waste from the waste stream for use in other businesses, provided that it benefits agriculture and agriculture-related projects.

This bill is objectionable because it provides ADC with broad authority that may interfere with the counties' authority to direct the disposal of municipal solid waste to specific locations. Counties currently have control over waste stream flows under section 340A-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which authorizes counties to require that all solid waste be disposed of at certain designated facilities or areas. It is unclear whether ADC's or the counties' authority would have priority when determining control over the municipal waste disposal, and allowing ADC to remove certain wastes from the waste stream could interfere with a county's comprehensive solid waste management plan.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill No. 2519 without my approval.

Respectfully,



DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that environmental  
2 concerns are more pressing than ever before and the State should  
3 lead by example in terms of moving toward a more environmentally  
4 sustainable future. The legislature finds that an effective way  
5 to increase environmental sustainability is to diminish the need  
6 for landfills by diverting select municipal solid waste, glass,  
7 and food and green waste from landfills to produce compost,  
8 animal feed, building materials, and energy. The legislature  
9 further finds that to continue the march toward long-term  
10 environmental sustainability, the State should explore how  
11 private businesses can leverage new technology to efficiently  
12 process waste streams into usable forms.

13           The purpose of this Act is to authorize the agribusiness  
14 development corporation to enter into contracts with private  
15 businesses to remove select municipal solid waste, glass, and  
16 food and green waste from the waste stream for use in other  
17 business sectors, including agriculture, construction, and  
18 energy production.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 163D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§163D- Municipal solid waste diversion. The  
5 corporation may enter into contracts with private businesses to  
6 remove select municipal solid waste, glass, and food and green  
7 waste from the waste stream for use in other business sectors,  
8 including agriculture, construction, and energy production;  
9 provided that any contract shall benefit agricultural and  
10 agriculture-related projects. The corporation may adopt rules  
11 pursuant to chapter 91 necessary to carry out the purposes of  
12 this section."

13 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this                      day of                      , 2018

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: May 1, 2018  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the  
Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2018.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2519, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

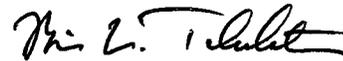
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2018  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives