

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1543
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 1543 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit the expenditure of state funds by state agencies for the purchase of beverages in plastic bottles or rigid plastic containers, except under certain circumstances.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and four individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Plastics Industry Association and three individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committees find that plastic waste has an adverse and long-lasting impact on wildlife and on the environment as a whole. Plastic waste is especially damaging when it enters the ocean, where it poses a significant hazard to marine life. Your Committees additionally find that plastic beverage bottles and rigid containers constitute a significant portion of this plastic waste. However, your Committees also find that there are some uses of plastic beverage containers in which the benefits of the



use outweigh the comparatively small amount of plastic waste that those uses generate.

Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Including purchases made in relation to the licensed blind vendor program and purchases of water by the Department of Land and Natural Resources for wildland firefighters of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife, as exceptions to the prohibition on using state funds for the purchase of beverages in plastic bottles or rigid plastic containers; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1543, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1543, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture and
Environment and Government
Operations,



LAURA H. THIELEN, Chair



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
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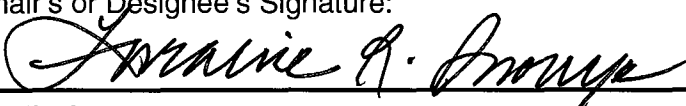
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The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
THIELEN, Laura H. (C)	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	<i>4</i>			<i>1</i>
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