

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2918

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2727
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred S.B. No. 2727, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exempt a
beverage dealer who is located in a high density population area
from operating a redemption center if the dealer is located within
one mile of a certified redemption center operated independently
of the dealer.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health and Reynolds Recycling. Your
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from
the Hawaii Food Industry Association.

Your Committee finds that since January 2005, the deposit
beverage container program has encouraged residents to recycle,
which helps to remove containers from the waste stream and reduce
litter in the community. The program certifies independent
recycling companies to operate redemption centers that collect
recyclable containers and provide Hawaii consumers with refunds of
the five-cent deposit fee that is paid for eligible containers.

Your Committee further finds that under the deposit beverage
container program, dealers are required to operate a redemption



center unless the dealer is located in a high-density population and within two miles of a certified redemption center that is operated independently of a dealer. This results in a significant number of dealers being exempt from operating redemption centers. Therefore, limiting the exemption to one mile from a certified redemption center that is operated independently of a dealer provides more recycling opportunities to Hawaii consumers and improves the State's recycling rates.

Your Committee notes that S.B. No. 2726, S.D. 1 (Regular Session of 2020) contains language that requires annual adjustment of the deposit beverage container program handling fees, but has a measure title that may be too restrictive for its contents.

Therefore, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting the contents of S.B. No. 2726, S.D. 1, a measure that requires the Department of Health to annually adjust the handling fees for the deposit beverage container program to an amount not less than the handling fee in the prior calendar year as adjusted by percentage changes in the Consumer Price Index for the Honolulu area; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2727, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2727, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health,

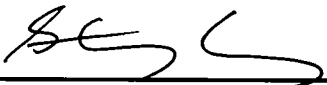


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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SB2727 SD1	AEN, CPH	2/20/20	
<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 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			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓		
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓		
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.			✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.			✓
THIELEN, Laura H.			✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓		
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓		
TOTAL	4		3
Recommendation:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted			
Chair's or Designee's Signature:			
			
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