

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1204-20

Honolulu, Hawaii
JUN 25, 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2781

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which
was referred S.B. No. 2781 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the intentional
release of balloons inflated with gas that is lighter than air.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Reef and
Ocean Coalition, Friends of Hanauma Bay, Beach Environmental
Awareness Campaign Hawaii, Animal Rights Hawaii, and over 1,400
individuals.

Your Committee finds that the intentional release of balloons
inflated with lighter-than-air gas poses a danger and nuisance to
native wildlife and coastal communities. Balloon releases
contribute to debris that can cause harm to wildlife and marine
animals, including severe injury, starvation, or death from
ingestion or entanglement with the soft plastic or ribbon attached
to the balloons. Your Committee notes that there are other,
ecologically friendly options to celebrate or commemorate events.
This measure will prohibit the intentional release of certain
balloons in order to improve the safety of wildlife and marine
animals and protect the environment.

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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 S.B. No. 2781 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,

Nicole E. Lowen

NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



HSC# 1204-20

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2781	Committee Referral: EEP, JUD	Date: 22 June 2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	/			
2. WILDBERGER, Tina (VC)	/			
3. HAR, Sharon E.				/
4. TARNAS, David A.	/			
5. TODD, Chris	/			/
6. YAMANE, Ryan I.				/
7. THIELEN, Cynthia				
TOTAL (7)	4	0	0	3
The recommendation is:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)			
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:	<i>[Signature]</i>			
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