STAND. COM. REP. NO. 52 Honolulu, Hawaii FEB 0 8 , 2021 RE: H.B. No. 562 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 562 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BOTTLED WATER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the requirement that noncarbonated bottled water be transported, stored, processed, or bottled through lines or equipment through which only water is passed.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Sierra Club, Hawaii Food Industry Association, Ball Corporation, Ko Olina Resort Operators Association, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that many carbonated soft drink companies on the mainland produce canned noncarbonated water with the same equipment used to make their other products. However, existing state law expressly prohibits carbonated soft drink, juice, and beer operations from using the same equipment to can noncarbonated bottled water. This measure ensures that local beverage filling companies that manufacture other products can provide noncarbonated water in aluminum cans to consumers as an alternative to single-use plastic water bottles.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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. 562, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 562, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

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NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair

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

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 562	Committee Referral: EEP, CPC, FIN		Date: 2/4/21		
θ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: $\theta$ Pass, unamended (as is) $\mathscr{P}$ Pass, with amendments (HD) $\theta$ Hold $\theta$ 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. MARTEN, Lisa (VC)					
3. HASHEM, Mark J.					
4. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.					
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.					
6. TODD, Chris					
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane					
8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren					
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TOTAL (8)	1	0	D	1	
•	The recommendation is:  β  Adopted  θ  Not Adopted    If joint referral,				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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