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TO:

Committee on Judiciary Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: February 17, 2021

TIME: 10am

PLACE: Via Videoconference

RE: SB232 Relating to Littering

Position: Support

The Hawaii Food Industry Association is comprised of two hundred member companies representing retailers, suppliers, producers, and distributors of food and beverage related products in the State of Hawaii.

HFIA supports responsible, comprehensive waste management. Keeping our islands clean, healthy, and beautiful is a goal we all share. Unfortunately, littering has become a serious problem in Hawaii, and it deserves serious law enforcement consequences. Increasing the fines for littering and criminal littering addresses this problem by dealing with those responsible for creating it. We support this measure, and we thank you for the opportunity to testify.