

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3274

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1644

H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1644, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ban the manufacture, sale, and distribution for sale or use of certain packaging materials that contain perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Chamber of Sustainable Commerce, Recycle Hawaii, Volcano Precious Plastic, Restore the Commons, Zero Waste Hawaii Island, Surfrider Foundation, Mahiku A'o Mai Food Security Services, and five individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health, Retail Merchants of Hawaii, Par Hawaii, Island Energy, and American Chemistry Council.

Your Committee finds that perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances pose a threat to human health and the environment. Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances are commonly found in food packaging, further increasing the risk to human health. This measure protects human health and the environment in Hawaii



by implementing a ban on packaging that contains perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1644, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture and
Environment,




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1044 HD1	AEN, CPN/WAM	03/14/22		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
ACASIO, Laura	/			
RHOADS, Karl	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt			/	
TOTAL	4	-	1	-
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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