

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 08, 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1645
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and
Labor & Tourism, to which was referred H.B. No. 1645 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit lodging
establishments from providing personal care products in small
plastic bottles within sleeping room accommodations, any space
within sleeping room accommodations, or bathrooms used by the
public or guests.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from Fair Wind, Surfrider Foundation, Conservation Council for
Hawai'i, and six individuals. Your Committees received testimony
in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your
Committees received comments on this measure from the Department
of Health and Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Your Committees find that the use of single-use toiletries in
hotels and other lodging establishments contributes to plastic
waste locally and globally. In response, states like California
and New York have recently passed laws that prohibit hotels, bed
and breakfast homes, and short-term vacation rentals from
providing single-use personal care products. This measure would
tackle the ever-growing problems associated with plastic waste and



transition consumers and businesses toward more sustainable alternatives.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Delaying the start date for the prohibition for the use of complimentary single-use toiletries in hotels and other lodging establishments in the State to January 1, 2025, for lodging establishments with more than fifty sleeping room accommodations and January 1, 2027, for lodging establishments with fifty or fewer sleeping room accommodations; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Labor & Tourism that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1645, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1645, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy &
Environmental Protection and
Labor & Tourism,


RICHARD H.K. ONISHI, Chair


NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 1645</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EEP/LAT, CPC, FIN</i>	Date: <i>2/03/22</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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. 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	/			
TOTAL (8)	<i>6</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Lisa Marten</i>				
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