STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1294-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 , 2022

RE: S.B. No. 3004

S.D. 1 H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 3004, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPOSTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to permanently establish and appropriate funds for a Compost Reimbursement Program and Compost Reimbursement Program Manager position within the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Hawaii Farmers Union United, Hawaiii Alliance for Progressive Action, Kauai Women's Caucus, Climate Protectors Hawaiii, Our Revolution Hawaii, 350Hawaii.org, Hawaiii Farm Bureau, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Down to Earth Organic and Natural, Food+ Policy Internship 2022, and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and one individual.

Your Committee finds that composting diverts discarded food and other useful wastes away from landfills and adds valuable nutrients to the soil. This measure encourages and supports local composting efforts that further strengthen the State's soil

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structure and nutrient-holding capacity and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Allowing landscaping operations to qualify under the Compost Reimbursement Program;
- (2) Changing references from "farmers and ranchers" to "farming operations"; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that to further expand the Compost Reimbursement Program to support composting efforts by landscapers, an appropriate definition for "landscaping operations" is necessary and believes this issue merits further discussion by your Committee on Finance.

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. 3004, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3004, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: Committee 5B3004, 5D1	mittee Referral: Date: $3/22/2022$			
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold 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)				5- 18-2 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
2. MARTEN, Lisa (VC)			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
3. HASHEM, Mark J.				
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4. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.				
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7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren				
TOTAL (8)	5			3
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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