

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2583

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2022

RE: S.B. No. 3004

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 S.B. No. 3004 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPOSTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish and appropriate funds for a compost reimbursement program within the Department of Agriculture and for one full-time permanent compost reimbursement program manager position; and
- (2) Require an annual progress report to the Legislature prior to each Regular Session.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Hawai'i Farmers Union United, Life of the Land, Growing Together Edible Landscaping, Restore the Commons, Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action, 'Ai Pohaku, and twelve individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that food waste has far-reaching environmental, financial, and social impacts on society. One way to reduce the large amounts of food waste produced in the State is to recycle it into compost. Composting can reduce and eliminate



the need for chemical fertilizers, reduce methane emissions from landfills, promote higher yields for crops, aid habitat revitalization, enhance water retention, and sequester carbon. Consequently, this measure supports the State's composting efforts by establishing and funding a compost reimbursement program.

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 S.B. No. 3004 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on 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
AEN

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 3004	Committee Referral: (AEN), WAM	Date: 02/09/22		
<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 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
ACASIO, Laura	/			
RHOADS, Karl	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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