

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3563

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31 2022

RE: S.R. No. 52

S.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 S.R. No. 52 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ENDORSE THE NEW PLASTICS ECONOMY GLOBAL COMMITMENT AND THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO SET TARGETS TO FULFILL THE NEW PLASTICS ECONOMY GLOBAL COMMITMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Governor to endorse the New Plastics Economy Global Commitment and the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to set targets to fulfill the New Plastics Economy Global Commitment.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Climate Protectors Hawai'i, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, 350Hawaii.org, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Your Committee finds that the wasteful use of plastics threatens the health of Hawaii's residents and environment. Many plastics are designed for single-use and sixty percent of all plastic products produced since 1950 have eventually ended up in landfills. Hawaii is particularly vulnerable to the effects of plastic pollution, making it imperative for the State to take action to reduce the production of plastic waste. Accordingly,

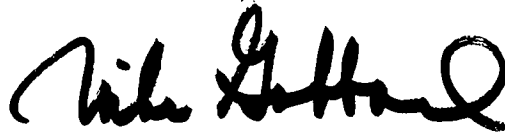


this measure requests the Governor to endorse the New Plastics Economy Global Commitment and the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to set targets to fulfill the New Plastics Economy Global Commitment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 52, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 52, S.D. 1.

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



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



