STAND. COM. REP. NO. 251

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 3 1 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

The Senate Thirty-First Legislature State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SIZ 52	Committee Referral:			Date: 03/28/22	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)					
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)					
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