

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2187

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 17 , 2023

RE: S.C.R. No. 64
S.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 64, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S SOLID WASTE SECTION TO DEVELOP A PLAN OF INITIATIVES FOR IMPROVED WASTE DIVERSION BY WORKING WITH THE COUNTIES TO ADDRESS EACH COUNTY'S UNIQUE NEEDS ACCORDING TO ITS GEOGRAPHY, POPULATION, AND INDUSTRY MAKE-UP,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Health's Solid Waste Section to investigate strategies for improved waste diversion by working with the counties to address each county's unique needs according to its geography, population, and industry make-up.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental, and Reinforcing Iron Workers Local Union No. 625; Iron Workers Stabilization Fund; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health, Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition, and Climate Protectors Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that each county has autonomy in negotiating, collecting, recycling, reusing, or disposing of waste within the county in a manner that reflects the county's unique

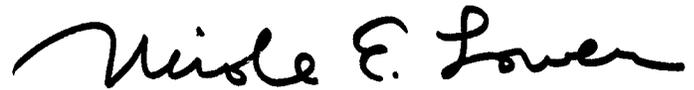
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needs. Additionally, the State's role in waste processing is to integrate the counties' goals and provide a framework for what counties should accomplish, as well as to recognize challenges that each county faces. This measure encourages further collaborative efforts to reduce landfill waste in the State.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 64, S.D. 1, and recommends that it 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



