

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3126

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 20 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1896  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1896, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to, beginning January 1, 2027, prohibit the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, distribution for sale, and distribution for use of any food packaging, food service ware, cosmetic, or personal care product that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), with certain exceptions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Honolulu Board of Water Supply, Sierra Club of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition, Climate Protectors Hawai'i, Hawaii Environmental Change Agents Water Reduction Task Force, Hawaii Food+ Policy, Beautycounter, and six individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition of this measure from the Retail Merchants of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that PFAS remain in the environment for long periods of time and that exposure to PFAS has been linked to adverse health outcomes. Recognizing the harm in PFAS, the State



prohibited, beginning December 31, 2024, the manufacture, sale, or distribution for sale or use of certain types of food packaging and fire-fighting foam that contain PFAS through Act 152, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022. This measure expands the State's ban on PFAS to protect the environment and human health from their detrimental and toxic effects.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2027; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1896, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1896, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1896, HD2	AEN, CPN	3/15/24		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)				✓
DECOITE, Lynn	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <span style="float:right; font-family: cursive;">Karl Rhoads</span>				
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