

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2627

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2364

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, to which was referred S.B. No. 2364 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a Plant-Based Building Materials Working Group to study how best to grow plants for the development of plant-based building materials in Hawaii and provide green agricultural jobs while sequestering carbon and other greenhouse gases to help achieve the State's climate target.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission, Hawai'i Forest Industry Association, Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition, Citizens' Climate Lobby Hawaii, Building Decarbonization Task Force of the Hawai'i Environmental Change Agents, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and nine individuals.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

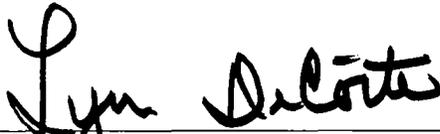
Your Committees find that Hawaii's tropical climate, with a year-round growing season and ample rain in many windward areas, offers the potential for growing plant-based materials that can,

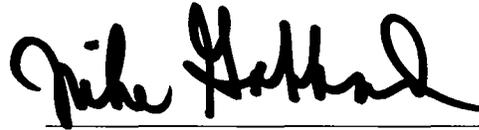


in turn, be processed into and sold as structural building materials. Your Committees further find that the production of plant-based materials could increase green agricultural jobs statewide, while concurrently helping the State meet its ambitious decarbonization goals. Therefore, this measure establishes the Plant-Based Building Materials Working Group to conduct a study and report on the best practices and implementation strategies for plant-based building material production in the State.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2364 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture and
Environment and Energy,
Economic Development, and
Tourism,


LYNN DECOITE, Chair


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



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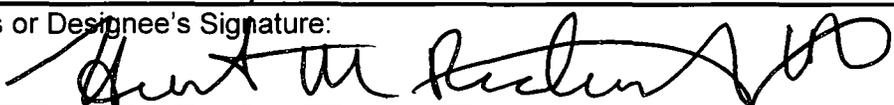
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 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
AWA, Brenton				X
TOTAL	4	0	0	1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DECOITE, Lynn (C)	/			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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