

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2521

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2935
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2935 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPOSTING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys to the Agribusiness Development Corporation for the creation of a composting program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Hawai'i Food+ Policy, Climate Protectors Hawai'i, Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition, and two individuals.

Your Committees find that the establishment of a composting program would provide a range of environmental benefits that include strengthening sustainable, local food production by using locally generated food waste and other organic materials to create compost, reducing trash in landfills, supporting water conservation, and promoting soil health by increasing the nutrient content and biodiversity of microbes in the soil. This measure establishes a composting program to strengthen the agricultural sector in the State and reduce the cost of production for local farmers.



Your Committees have amended this measure by inserting an effective date of January 1, 2060, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2935, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2935, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

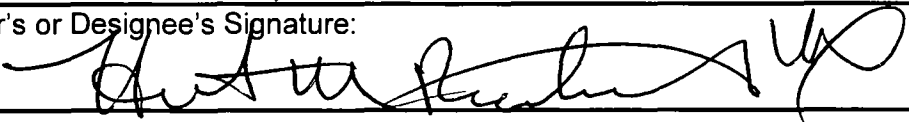

MIKE GABBARD, Chair


LYNN DECOITE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2935	Committee Referral: FET/AEN, WAM	Date: 02-13-24		
<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)	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
AWA, Brenton				X
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes