

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3601**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APR 03 2024**

RE: S.R. No. 75  
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 Water and Land, to which was referred S.R. No. 75 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE AND OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DEVELOP A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT A WASTE-TO-ENERGY TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request that the Hawaii State Energy Office and Office of Planning and Sustainable Development develop a plan to implement a waste-to-energy technology solution.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Kaua'i Climate Action Coalition, Green Party of Hawai'i, Energy Justice Network, 350Hawaii.org, Climate Protectors Hawai'i, and sixteen individuals.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office, Hawaiian Electric, and one individual.



Your Committees find that waste-to-energy facilities greatly reduce the volume of municipal solid waste that must be stored in a landfill by converting it to ash. Your Committees further find that waste-to-energy technology is a viable solution to reduce the State's solid waste stream, decrease the State's need for landfills, and provide non-fossil fuel electricity to reduce the State's dependency on the global oil market. This measure encourages the planning and implementation of new renewable energy projects, relating to waste-to-energy, to further advance the State's progress in achieving its renewable energy goals.

Your Committees note concerns raised in testimony regarding the current planning and operation of waste-to-energy facilities in the State and that a shortage of trash has hampered the ability of the Honolulu Program of Waste and Energy Recovery to meet its contractual obligations with Covanta Honolulu Resource Venture, leading to approximately \$6,200,000 in penalty and liquidated damage payments. Your Committees further note that narrowly focusing this measure to only include waste-to-energy technology solutions limits the development and attention to other alternative technology solutions and that this measure should be used as a mechanism to determine the best technology strategies to reduce waste and advance the State's renewable energy goals.

Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:

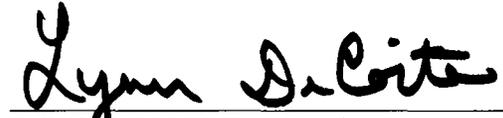
- (1) Inserting language requesting that the Hawaii State Energy Office and the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development develop a plan to implement waste-to-energy and other alternative technology solutions;
- (2) Amending its title to reflect its amended purpose; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and Water and Land that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 75, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 75, S.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Energy, Economic  
Development, and Tourism and  
Water and Land,

  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair

  
LYNN DECOITE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism**  
**EET**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SR 75</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EET/WTL</b>	Date: <b>4-1-24</b>		
<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				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
DECOITE, Lynn (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				✓
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>∅</b>	<b>∅</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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