

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 13 2025**RE: S.B. No. 1067  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 1067 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal certain exemptions for beverage dealers from the requirement to operate redemption centers and amend the types of containers they must accept for redemption;
- (2) Allow the establishment of regional centers for the redemption of refillable beverage containers but not as substitutes for dealers' means to receive deposit beverage containers; and
- (3) Require the Department of Health to establish a Reverse Vending Machine Pilot Program to use the Deposit Beverage Container Deposit Special Fund to provide grants to deploy reverse vending machines.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.



Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Food Industry Association and Down to Earth Organic and Natural.

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

Your Committees find that beverage containers, especially single-use containers, significantly contribute to landfill waste. Your Committees further find that the State will benefit from reduced waste production by expanding alternative strategies like reuse, refill, composting, and recycling. This measure encourages consumers in the State to redeem their deposit beverage containers by improving accessibility to redemption centers.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language to establish eligibility standards to receive grants from the Department of Health for deployment of reverse vending machines in the State;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of December 31, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

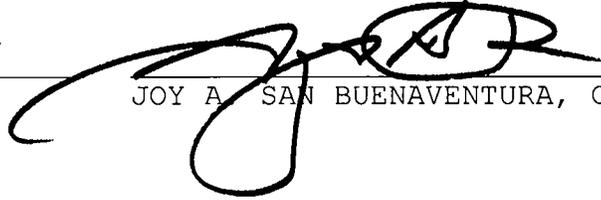
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1067, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1067, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce and Consumer Protection.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Health and Human  
Services and Agriculture and  
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair





The Senate  
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**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 1067</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HHS/AEN, WAM/CN</b>	Date: <b>1/31/25</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				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)				/
DECOITE, Lynn	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Kal Rhoads</i>				
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