

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1569  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which  
was referred H.B. No. 1569 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Phase in requirements that all newly manufactured washing machines sold within the State be equipped with a microfiber filtration system by January 1, 2042;
- (2) Require manufacturers of newly manufactured washing machines to provide certification to the Department of Health that the manufacturer is in compliance with microfiber filtration system requirements; and
- (3) Establish penalties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Ocean Conservancy; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.



Your Committee finds that microfiber pollution poses a serious threat to the environment and public health. Your Committee further finds that clothes washing is a major source of microfibers entering the environment, with a single load of laundry releasing millions of microfibers. Your Committee recognizes that washing machines equipped with microfiber filters can help mitigate pollution, as studies show that these filters can capture about ninety percent of microplastic fibers from laundry. This measure seeks to limit microfiber pollution by phasing in requirements for newly manufactured washing machines to be equipped with microfiber filtration systems.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1569, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1569, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy &  
Environmental Protection,



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



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| Bill/Resolution No.:<br><b>HB 1569</b>  | Committee Referral:<br><b>EPP, CPC, JHA</b>                                   | Date:<br><b>1/29/26</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. |   |  |
| The recommendation is to:   |   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Pass, unamended (as is)   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) |  |

  

| EEP Members             | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
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| 1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C) | ✓    |           |      |         |
| 2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC) | ✓    |           |      |         |
| 3. CHUN, Cory M.        |      |           |      | ✓       |
| 4. KAHALOA, Kirstin     | ✓    |           |      |         |
| 5. KUSCH, Matthias      | ✓    |           |      |         |
| 6. QUINLAN, Sean        |      |           |      | ✓       |
| 7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren    | ✓    |           |      |         |
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The recommendation is: ☒ Adopted      ☐ Not Adopted

If joint referral, \_\_\_\_\_ did not support recommendation.  
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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