

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 05, 2026RE: H.B. No. 2121
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. 2121 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTE MANAGEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the sale, offer
for sale, or distribution for sale of any disposable electronic
smoking devices in the State beginning January 1, 2027.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Environmental Services of the City and
County of Honolulu; Hawaii COPD Coalition; Hawai'i Health & Harm
Reduction Center; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; The Friends of
Kamalani & Lydgate Park; Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i Youth
Council; Lanai Community Health Center; and numerous individuals.
Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure
from Hawaii Smokers Alliance and two individuals. Your Committee
received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that waste from disposable electronic
smoking devices contributes to plastic pollution, landfill fires,
and the exposure of toxic chemicals in waterways. Your Committee
further finds that federal guidance regarding disposal practices
for these devices is lacking, leaving state and local
jurisdictions responsible for establishing waste management



policies. This measure seeks to lessen plastic pollution in the State and protect the environment by banning the sale of disposable electronic smoking devices.

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. 2121, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2121, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Health.

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.: HB 2121 | | Committee Referral: EEP, HLT, CPC | | Date: 2/3/26 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. | | | | | |
| The recommendation is to: <input 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 |
| 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 | | ✓ | | | |
| TOTAL (7) | | 6 | | | 1 |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s) | | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Amy Perruso</u> | | | | | |
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