

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 644
H.D. 2

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 644, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is, beginning January 1, 2028, to prohibit a business where food or beverages are packaged and sold for individual consumption from:

- (1) Distributing, selling, or using disposable or single-use plastic food ware; and
- (2) Distributing, selling, or using reusable, refillable, disposable, or single-use food ware that contains regulated perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; National Marine Team, The Sierra Club; The Locavore Store; Sustainable Coastlines Hawai'i; Upstream; Energy Justice Network; and eight individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the American Chemistry Council; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Suisan Company Limited; and Biodegradable Products Institute. Your Committee received comments on this measure from



the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Health; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawai'i Restaurant Association; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Zippy's Restaurants; Biodegradable Products Institute; and World Centric.

Your Committee finds that perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances are chemicals that have been used in many consumer products since the 1940s. These chemicals accumulate in the human body, and exposure can lead to adverse health outcomes in humans. Prohibiting the distribution, sale, or use of single-use food ware that contains regulated perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances will help mitigate the risk of harm to human health caused by these chemicals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that prohibited a business from distributing, selling, or using disposable or single-use plastic food ware;
- (2) Amending the prohibition relating to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances to be that businesses are prohibited from distributing, selling, or using single-use plastic food ware that contains plastic with regulated perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances and making associated conforming amendments;
- (3) Deleting language that would have exempted certain containers and packaging from the prohibitions of this measure;
- (4) Deleting an extraneous mention of food vendors to avoid any ambiguous interpretation, since food vendors are businesses subject to the provisions of this measure;
- (5) Clarifying the acts for which penalties are imposed to be consistent with the prohibition against distribution, sale, or use; and
- (6) 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 Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to



this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 644, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 644, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



SCOT Z. MATAYOSHI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB644 HDI	Committee Referral: EEP, CPC, FIN	Date: 2/19/26		
<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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (C)	✓			
2. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada (VC)	✓			
3. CHUN, Cory M.	✓			
4. ILAGAN, Greggor	✓			
5. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
6. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco	✓			
7. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
8. LOWEN, Nicole E.				✓
9. MARTEN, Lisa				✓
10. TAM, Adrian K.	✓			
11. PIERICK, Elijah				✓
TOTAL (11)	8			3
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: 				
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