

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 , 2026

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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 644, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit, beginning January 1, 2028, a business where food or beverages that are packaged and sold on the business's premises for individual consumption from the distribution, sale, or use of single-use plastic food ware containing plastic with regulated perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Restaurant Association; Hawaii Environmental Change Agents Solid Waste Reduction Task Force; Energy Justice Network; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Restore the Commons; Sierra Club National Marine Team; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Health; and Retail Merchants of Hawai'i.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 644, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Todd", written in a cursive style.

CHRIS TODD, Chair



