

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2866

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2095
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2095, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a PFAS Working Group within the Department of Health to investigate the existence and environmental dangers of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and other related chemicals in the State.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, Hawaii Food+ Policy, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition, Americans for Democratic Action Hawaii Chapter, and four individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of human-made chemicals that are widely used in consumer products, industrial processes, and firefighting foams and that persist in the environment and accumulate in the human body over time. Exposure to PFAS has been linked to significant health risks, including cancer, liver damage, developmental issues, weakened immune systems, and endocrine disruptions. Your



Committee further finds that PFAS contamination has been detected in water supplies, soil, and air across the United States. Hawaii's geographic isolation and reliance on a delicate, finite freshwater supply heighten the need for a thorough understanding of PFAS contamination in the State and its potential impacts on human health and the environment. Accordingly, your Committee recognizes the value in establishing a working group to investigate and study the existence and environmental dangers of PFAS in the State to better inform the Legislature's policymaking.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2095, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

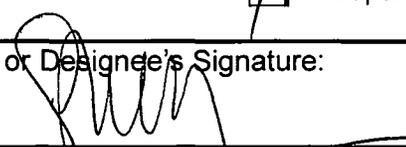
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2095, SD1	SEN/HHS, WAM	3/3/2026		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
TOTAL	12	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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