

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2567

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2941

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2941 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISPOSABLE BODYBOARDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit the sale, rental, or distribution of disposable bodyboards in the State; and
- (2) Establish penalties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Kauai County Council and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that polystyrene, also known as Styrofoam, once discarded, can quickly disintegrate and leave behind plastic foam that can pollute the State's reefs, shoreline, and marine ecosystems. Many disposable body boards that contain polystyrene are sold, rented, or distributed throughout the State. Your Committee further finds that the Kauai County Council recently established a prohibition of these disposable bodyboards in an effort to mitigate ocean pollution. Therefore, this measure will support a shift towards durable and reusable options to effectively reduce waste, promote responsible tourism, and encourage a more mindful environmental footprint that works to



sustain the State's coastal and marine habitats by expanding the disposable bodyboard ban statewide.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2941 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture and
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB2941	AEN, CPN/JDC	2-18-26
<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	
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X	
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)	X	
DECOITE, Lynn	X	
RHOADS, Karl	X	
AWA, Brenton		X
TOTAL	4	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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