

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1948
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1948, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve and expand upon the State's recycling initiative by:

- (1) Increasing the volume limit of deposit beverage containers subject to the recycling program from 64 to 68 fluid ounces;
- (2) Requiring distributors to report container numbers sold and make fee payments on that basis;
- (3) Specifying redemption center minimum operating hours and days;
- (4) Permitting calculation of redemption value by container count for 200 containers or less; and
- (5) Allowing refusal of refund for previously processed and baled containers.

Reynolds Recycling and the Windward Ahupua`a Alliance supported this bill. The Department of Health supported this

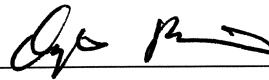


measure with amendments. The Hawaii Food Industry Association opposed this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion.

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. 1948, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1948, H.D. 2.

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



DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



