

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1538-08

Honolulu, Hawaii

A-01, 2008

RE: H.C.R. No. 191

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 191 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING COUNTIES TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE RETAILERS TO INCREASE THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE ALTERNATIVES TO NON-BIODEGRADABLE PLASTIC BAGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request the counties to develop and implement programs to encourage retailers to increase the use of environmentally preferable alternatives to non-biodegradable plastic bags, such as compostable or reusable bags.

A member of the Maui County Council, Windward Ahupuaa Alliance, Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawaii, Styrophobia LLC, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this concurrent resolution. The Retail Merchants of Hawaii, Progressive Bag Affiliates of the American Chemistry Council, and the Hawaii Food Industry Association opposed this measure. A concerned individual provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 191 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns.

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Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,

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for: HERMINA MORITA, Chair



