STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1538-08

Honolulu, Hawaii

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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-biodegrable 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,

Mell Canall
HERMINA MORITA, Chair

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection**

Bill/Resolution No.:  HCK 191	Committee Referral:  EEP, EDB		Date: 3/27/2008	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR	) Nays	Excused
1. MORITA, Hermina M. (C)	✓ <b>✓</b>			
2. CARROLL, Mele (VC)				
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4. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki		The state of the s		
5. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.				<b>V</b>
6. SAGUM, Roland D., III				
7. SAIKI, Scott K.	_			by km
8. THIELEN, Cynthia				
TOTAL (8)	6	0	0	\$2
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:    Municipal Provide:     Municipal Provide:				
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