

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1897-08

Honolulu, Hawaii

Ajilii, 2008

RE: H.R. No. 161
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns,
to which was referred H.R. No. 161 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTARY
COMPLIANCE PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITIES AND BUSINESSES TO
CONVERT TO EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE FOAM ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to encourage the Department
of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to establish a
voluntary compliance program to encourage communities and
businesses to convert to products other than polystyrene foam.

Sustainable Island Products, Hawaiian Earth Products,
Styrophobia.com, Sierra Club Oahu Group, and several concerned
individuals supported this measure. The Department of Business,
Economic Development, and Tourism, American Chemistry Council,
Windward Ahupuaa Alliance, and Hawaii Foam Products submitted
testimony in opposition to this measure. The University of Hawaii
Environmental Center and Hawaii Food Industry Association offered
comments.

Your Committee recognizes the threat that nonbiodegradable
polystyrene foam poses to Hawaii's fragile environment. However,
at the same time your Committee notes that polystyrene foam is
currently the most economical option for Hawaii's businesses and
that a resolution requesting the establishment of a voluntary

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program is likely to have little effect on Hawaii's polystyrene foam use.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this resolution by:

- (1) Changing its title to read: "REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE USE OF POLYSTYRENE FOAM ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS IN HAWAII;" and
- (2) Requesting the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on the feasibility of using polystyrene foam alternative products in Hawaii, including the economic impact that use of these products would have on Hawaii, and Hawaii's potential as a manufacturer of these products.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 161, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 161, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development & Business
Concerns,



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 161	Committee Referral: EDB	Date: 4/4/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)	/			
2. WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	/			
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.				/
4. BROWER, Tom	/			
5. CHANG, Jerry L.	/			
6. HANOHANO, Faye P.	/			
7. HERKES, Robert N.				/
8. MANAHAN, Joey	/			
9. TSUJI, Clift	/			
10. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
11. CHING, Corinne W.L.	/			
12. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	/			
TOTAL (12)	10			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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