

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 14, 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2571
S.D. 1
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 Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 2571, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD WASTE RECYCLING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to encourage recycling at schools by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Education (DOE), in partnership with the Department of Health (DOH), to develop and implement a three-year food waste recycling pilot project (Pilot Project) in one or more schools; and
- (2) Appropriating funds out of the Environmental Management Special Fund (Special Fund) for the Pilot Project.

The Hawaii Food Industry Association supported this bill and suggested amendments. DOH opposed this measure. DOE submitted comments.

Testimony submitted by DOH indicated that using Special Fund monies may jeopardize the ability of DOH to operate its solid waste regulatory and planning program.



Therefore, your Committee has amended this measure by changing the source of funding for the appropriation to the general fund. In addition, technical, nonsubstantive amendments were made for style, clarity, and consistency.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2571, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2571, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Education.

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



HERMINA MORITA, Chair



