

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1720

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Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1720 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST JACOBY DEVELOPMENT, INC., A PROCESSING ENTERPRISE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Jacoby Development, Inc., with the planning, designing, constructing, and equipping of, and the acquisition of lands for, a plasma municipal solid waste processing system on the island of Oahu.

Your Committee received comments in support of this measure from the Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association and Geoplasma, LLC, and a private citizen. The Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii submitted comments.

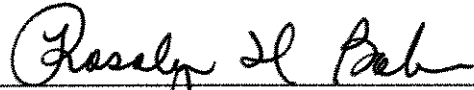
Your Committee finds that disposal of municipal solid waste continues to be a problem with no single solution. While much of Oahu's waste is turned into electrical energy at the island's waste-to-energy plant, a large amount of waste and ash residue still goes into the Waimanalo Gulch landfill or the landfill in Nanakuli. Plasma arc technology can convert municipal solid waste into electricity and chemically and biologically inert slag that can be used in, for example, paving materials.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2070, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1720, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1720, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



