

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2125
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2125, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to reduce the production of waste and encourage recycling and reuse by establishing a 10 cent per disposable checkout bag offset fee.

The Conservation Council for Hawaii, Sierra Club-Hawaii Chapter, Surfrider Foundation, and many concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Health, Hawaii Food Industry Association, Retail Merchants of Hawaii, American Chemistry Council, and Hawaii Restaurant Association opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:


- (1) Designating the entire fee to remain with the businesses to enable them to educate consumers on recycling and reuse;
- (2) Charging a 10 cent offset fee for disposable plastic newspaper bags and plastic laundry or dry cleaning bags beginning on December 21, 2012;



- (3) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2011; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2125, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2125, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Revitalization, Business, &
Military Affairs,


ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



HSCE 344-10

Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 2125 HD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EEP, EBM, FIN</i>	Date: <i>2/9/10</i>		
<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)				
EBM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	✓			
2. CHOY, Isaac W. (VC)	✓			
3. BERG, Lyla B.				✓
4. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
5. MANAHAN, Joey	✓			
6. TAKAI, K. Mark	✓			
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane		✓		
8. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
9. WAKAI, Glenn				✓
10. WOOLEY, Jessica	✓			
11. WARD, Gene		✓		
TOTAL (11)	7	2		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: _____ <i>Isaac W. Choy</i>				
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