

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

904

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2013

RE: H.B. No. 396  
H.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 396,  
H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOXIC PRODUCTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to promote the health and safety of young children by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, and distribution of reusable food and drink containers containing bisphenol A that are intended for use by children under three years of age.

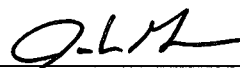
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the American Chemistry Council.

Your Committee finds that there is a need to protect young children from exposure to bisphenol A. In July 2012, the United States Food and Drug Administration banned the use of bisphenol A in infant feeding bottles and spill-proof cups. Previously, the National Toxicology Program at the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration had expressed some concern about the potential effects of bisphenol A on the brain, behavior, and prostate gland in fetuses, infants, and young children. The American Medical Association recently developed a policy supporting industry action to stop producing baby bottles and infant feeding cups containing bisphenol A and supports a ban on the sale of such products.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 396, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,



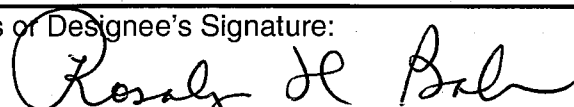
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JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health**  
**HTH**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 396 , HD2	HTH , CPN	03/11/2013		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.		✓		
SLOM, Sam			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	1	1	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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