

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

406

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1507
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1507 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to mitigate the negative impact of plastic bags on Hawaii's environment by establishing a uniform minimum standard statewide on the use of plastic bags by retailers and establishing a working group to study methods to reduce the use of all disposable bags.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Rise Above Plastics Coalition; Surfrider Foundation, Oahu Chapter; Surfrider Foundation; The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii; Conservation Council for Hawaii; Worldcentric; and several concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Health, a council member of the Maui County Council, Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawaii, and a concerned individual opposed this measure. Zero Waste Kauai and Consumer Healthcare Products Association offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the establishment of a uniform minimum standard statewide on the use of plastic bags by retailers; and

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- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 1507, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1507, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



CHRIS LEE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1507	Committee Referral: EEP, CPC	Date: 2/10/15		
<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)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (VC)	✓			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	✓			
4. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
5. ING, Kaniela	✓			
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
7. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	✓			
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
9. POUHA, Feki	✓			
10. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
TOTAL (10)	10	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Nicole E. Lowen</i></u>				
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