

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 19, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2648
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2648 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce waste in Hawaii by:

- (1) Establishing a phased reduction of food waste into county solid waste streams for commercial and business entities;
- (2) Establishing the Solid Waste Infrastructure Advisory Committee; and
- (3) Appropriating funds for the counties to comply with food waste reduction mandates.

The Surfrider Foundation, Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter, Zero Waste Kauai, Styrophobia Hawaii, and numerous concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Health and Hawaii Food Industry Association submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the phased reduction of food waste into county solid waste streams for commercial and business entities;



- (2) Adding a codified zero-food-waste goal whereby commercial and business entities generating over one ton of commercial food waste annually must reduce this waste to zero by January 1, 2025;
- (3) Requiring the Department of Health to adopt rules by January 1, 2019, to achieve the zero-food-waste goal;
- (4) Adding representatives of the food industry and the community to the Solid Waste Infrastructure Advisory Committee;
- (5) Requiring the Solid Waste Infrastructure Advisory Committee to submit its legislative report no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017;
- (6) Dissolving the Solid Waste Infrastructure Advisory Committee on January 1, 2025; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that should your Committee on Finance choose to consider this measure, the suggested total appropriation amount is \$50,000.

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. 2648, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2648, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

House 560-16

Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2648	Committee Referral: EEP, FIN	Date: 2/11/16		
<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)	9			1
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: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Nicole E. Lowen</i>				
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