

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1137

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1577
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Agriculture and Environment,
to which was referred H.B. No. 1577, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPOSTING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a
composting pilot project in Department of Education schools.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Education, Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation,
Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter, Hawaii Center for Food Safety,
and seven individuals. Your Committees received comments on this
measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Department
of Agriculture.

Your Committees find that composting plays an integral role
in food and agricultural sustainability by adding valuable
nutrients to the soil. Your Committees further find that existing
composting programs in Hawaii's public schools significantly
reduce the amount of wet organic waste produced by participating
schools that goes into landfills, and fosters leadership skills
and environmental awareness in participating students. Your
Committees additionally find that providing additional resources
to expand composting programs to other public schools is in the
interest of Hawaii's public school students and the State.

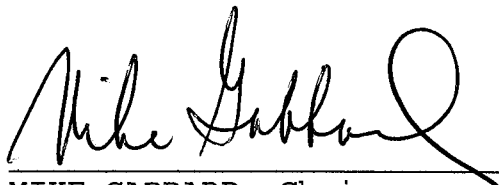


Your Committees have amended this measure by:


- (1) Removing the chairpersons of House of Representatives and Senate committees from the working group;
- (2) Adding a volunteer member of the community to the working group;
- (3) Establishing the composting grant pilot project working group within the Department of Education instead of the Department of Agriculture;
- (4) Requiring the Department of Education to adopt rules to administer and facilitate the composting grant pilot project; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1577, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1577, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Education and
Agriculture and Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair




MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1577, HD1	EDU/AEN, WAM	3/20/17		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
RHOADS, Karl				X
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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