

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2018

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RE: H.B. No. 1577  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 2  
C.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 1577, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPOSTING,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to assist the State in meeting its Aloha+ Challenge goal of seventy percent waste stream reduction by 2025 by encouraging the use of compost:

- (1) In Department of Education (DOE) schools by:
  - (A) Establishing a Composting Grant Pilot Project Working Group (Working Group) to develop guidelines, make grant recommendations, and provide oversight for campus composting; and



- (B) Appropriating funds to the DOE to establish and implement the Working Group and to provide grants for school composting projects pursuant to the Working Group's recommendations; and
- (2) In agricultural operations by:
  - (A) Requiring the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to establish and implement a three-year Compost Reimbursement Pilot Program to provide reimbursement to Hawaii farmers and ranchers for the purchase of compost and report on the Program to the Legislature;
  - (B) Establishing a full-time, temporary Compost Reimbursement Pilot Program Manager position within DOA; and
  - (C) Appropriating funds to DOA for the Compost Reimbursement Pilot Program.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting provisions relating to the DOE Working Group and grants and appropriating funds to the DOE;
- (2) Appropriating \$1,000,000 to the DOA for the Compost Reimbursement Pilot Program and authorizing expenditure of:
  - (A) \$50,000 per year to establish a full-time temporary program manager position for the pilot program; and
  - (B) \$20,000 per year for program and administrative costs of the pilot program;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2018; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1577, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1577, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.



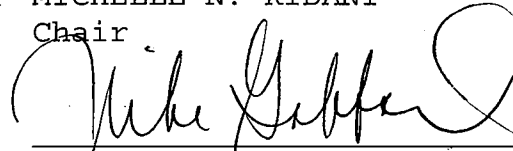
Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE



MICHELLE N. KIDANI  
Chair



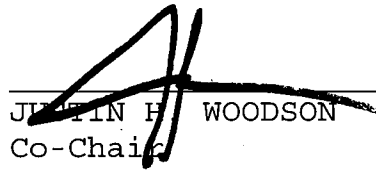
MIKE GABBARD  
Co-Chair



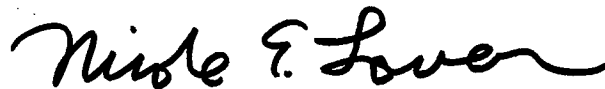
KAITIAKI MAHI  
Co-Chair



CHRIS LEE  
Co-Chair



JUSTIN H. WOODSON  
Co-Chair



NICOLE E. LOWEN  
Co-Chair



Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure

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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
KIDANI, Michelle N., Chr.	X				LEE, Chris, Co-Chr.	✓			
GABBARD, Mike, Co-Chr.	X				WOODSON, Justin H., Co-Chr.	✓			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i, Co-Chr.	X				LOWEN, Nicole E., Co-Chr.	✓			
					MCDERMOTT, Bob				X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

A = Aye      WR = Aye with Reservations      N = Nay      E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is:  
 Adopted       Not Adopted

House Recommendation is:  
 Adopted       Not Adopted

Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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