

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 10, 2017

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

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1577 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPOSTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The Department of Agriculture, Department of Education, Department of Health, Kokua Hawaii Foundation, Surfrider Foundation's Oahu Chapter, Nefisa UK, Plastic Free Hawaii, Ano Swimwear, Hawaii Island School Garden Network, Waikiki Worm Company, Windward Zero Waste School Hui, and many concerned individuals supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing the Department of Agriculture upon the recommendation of the composting grant pilot project working group to issue grants to establish a composting grant pilot project in Department of Education schools;
- (2) Clarifying the membership, responsibilities, and duration of the composting grant pilot project working group;



- (3) Appropriating funds to establish and implement the composting grant pilot project; and
- (4) Changing the effective date to January 28, 2081, to promote further discussion.

Should the Committee on Finance decide to deliberate further on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider appropriating \$300,000 to establish and implement the composting grant pilot project.

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. 1577, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1577, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Education.

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



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CHRIS LEE, Chair



