

Honolulu, Hawaii

MARCH 2, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2107
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2107, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Plastic Pollution Initiative Program with the mission of eliminating plastic waste impacting native species and polluting the State's environment;
- (2) Establish the Plastic Pollution Advisory Council to collect data regarding plastic pollution and provide recommendations and assistance to eliminate plastic waste; and
- (3) Appropriate funds to establish the Plastic Pollution Initiative Program and to conduct an initial analysis of the baseline cost of plastic pollution to Hawaii's taxpayers and environment.

The Sierra Club of Hawai'i, Young Progressives Demanding Action - Hawaii, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Surfrider Foundation, Surfrider Foundation's O'ahu Chapter, and many concerned individuals



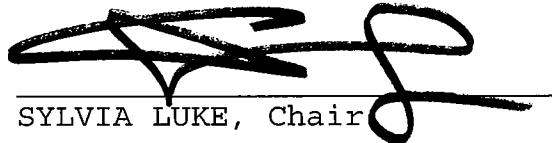
supported this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and American Chemistry Council provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the amount appropriated to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2107, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2107, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,


SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



