

Honolulu, Hawaii

**February 9**, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2625

H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs and Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 2625 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect the ocean and beaches in the State from plastic marine debris by requiring the Department of Land and Natural Resources to regularly remove plastic marine debris from shores and beaches and require the counties to dispose of the collected debris. This measure also appropriates funds to the counties to effectuate its purpose.

The Friends of Hanauma Bay, Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawaii, and a few concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources opposed this measure.

Your Committees have amended this measure by changing the effective date to December 24, 2088, to encourage further discussion, and making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.




As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2625, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2625, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Ocean, Marine  
Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs  
and Water & Land,



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RYAN J. YAMANE, Chair



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