

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 2, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2718
H.D. 1

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. 2718, 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) Require the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) to maintain a database detailing the amount of moneys expended by state departments and agencies in each county for the collection and disposal of polystyrene products; and
- (2) Beginning January 1, 2020, authorize each state department or agency that incurs costs for collecting or disposing of polystyrene products to apply for a reimbursement for these expenses from the counties through a system administered by DAGS.

Sierra Club of Hawai'i, Sierra Student Coalition at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Young Progressives Demanding Action - Hawaii, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and several individuals testified in support of this measure. DAGS; City and County of Honolulu Office



of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency; and KYD, Inc. dba K. Yamada Distributors provided comments on this measure.

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. 2718, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



