

Honolulu, Hawaii

**February 16**, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2726  
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 Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2726 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Health (Department) to set benchmarks to reach an eighty-five percent redemption rate by 2023 and submit annual reports on its progress for the Deposit Beverage Container Program;
- (2) Establishing a Plastics Recycling Grant Program (Grant Program) to identify Hawaii-based alternatives for the sustainable recycling and reuse of plastic commodities; and
- (3) Appropriating funds for the Grant Program and to establish two positions for the Glass Advance Disposal Fee Program.

The Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Kokua Hawaii Foundation, Sierra Club of Hawai'i, Pele Lani Farm LLC, and several concerned individuals



supported this measure. The Department of Health provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to January 28, 2045, to encourage further discussion.

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. 2726, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2726, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



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CHRIS LEE, Chair



