

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 16 , 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2519
S.D. 2
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 S.B. No. 2519, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Agribusiness Development Corporation to enter into contracts with private businesses to remove select municipal solid waste, glass, and food and green waste from the waste stream for use in other business sectors; provided that the contracts shall benefit agricultural and agriculture-related projects.

The Agribusiness Development Corporation, Department of Agriculture, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and two individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Environmental Services of the City and County of Honolulu testified in opposition.

Your Committee notes that concerns were raised in public testimony that the authorization provided by this measure would conflict with the counties' authority to direct the disposal of solid waste at designated facilities or areas. Thus, to determine the proper resolution to this conflict, further discussion and consideration is needed. As such, your Committee has amended this



measure by changing its effective date to January 28, 2045, to promote 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 S.B. No. 2519, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2519, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Agriculture.

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



CHRIS LEE, Chair



