

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3273

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28 2018

RE: S.C.R. No. 171

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Economic Development, Tourism, and  
Technology and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred  
S.C.R. No. 171 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII TOURISM  
AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE VISITORS TO THE  
STATE ABOUT THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF OXYBENZONE SUNSCREEN ON  
CORAL REEFS AND TO ENCOURAGE VISITORS TO THE STATE TO REFRAIN  
FROM USING OXYBENZONE SUNSCREENS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Hawaii Tourism Authority to:

- (1) Establish a campaign to educate visitors to the State  
about the harmful effects of oxybenzone sunscreen on  
coral reefs and to encourage visitors to refrain from  
using oxybenzone sunscreen; and
- (2) Submit a report to the Legislature no later than twenty  
days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
2019 on efforts taken to educate visitors about the  
harmful effects of oxybenzone.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of  
Health, Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii,



and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

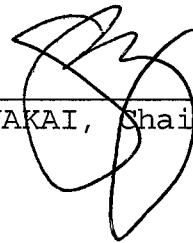
Your Committees find that the health of Hawaii's marine ecosystem is one of the most pressing matters of the State. Coral in Hawaii's waters are showing increasingly significant signs of damage, including extensive bleaching. Your Committees further find that the chemical known as oxybenzone, found in sunscreen, is harmful to coral. Studies have shown that oxybenzone causes coral deformity, bleaching, and DNA damage that weaken the coral systems' adaptability to climate change. Your Committees note that there are alternatives to oxybenzone sunscreen. Elevated levels of oxybenzone have been detected throughout the State, including Waimea Bay, Waikiki Beach in Oahu, and Honolulu Bay in Maui. Your Committees find great merit in educating visitors about the potential impacts of oxybenzone on Hawaii's marine ecosystem in order to better preserve and protect marine life.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 171 and recommend that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Economic  
Development, Tourism, and  
Technology and Agriculture and  
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair

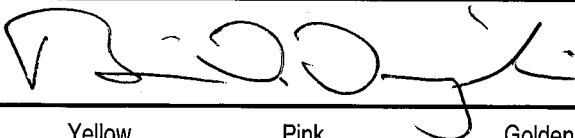


GLENN WAKAI, Chair



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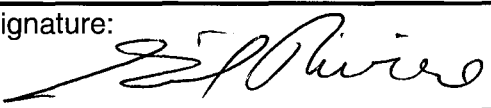
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The Recommendation is:				
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<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)		✓		
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
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GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
RHOADS, Karl	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
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