

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3274

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28 2018

RE: S.R. No. 100

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.R. No. 100 entitled:

"SENATE 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,

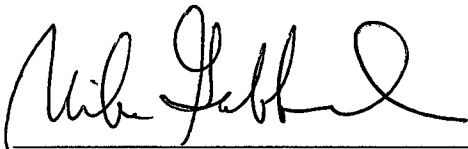


and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Tourism Authority and one individual.


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 Honolua 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.R. No. 100 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

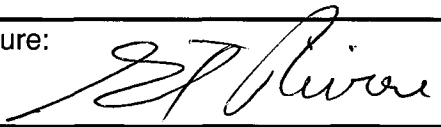


GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SR 100	ETT/AEN, WAM	3/23/18		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
RHOADS, Karl	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				X
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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