

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2019

RE: S.B. No. 422

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 422 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECYCLING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Mandate the Department of Health to adopt and implement the recommendations made by the Office of the Auditor regarding the advance disposal fee program and deposit beverage container program;
- (2) Require the Department of Health to report on its implementation of the recommendations to the Legislature; and
- (3) Appropriate funds to the Department of Health to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of combining the advance disposal fee glass container and deposit beverage container glass processing streams.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Sierra Club of Hawai'i and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that glass recycling in the State is subsidized by two programs; non-deposit glass recycling is

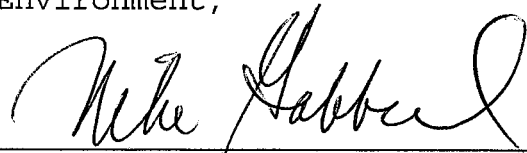


subsidized by the advanced disposal fee program, and deposit beverage container glass recycling is subsidized by the deposit beverage container program. Each program requires that its glass be processed and marketed separately.

Your Committee further finds that the Legislature adopted S.C.R. No. 74, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, Regular Session of 2014, which requested the Office of the Auditor to conduct an audit of the Department of Health's advanced disposal fee program. The Office of the Auditor recommended that the Department of Health consider combining the processing streams of the two programs to increase efficiency and decrease costs, while also increasing the supply of glass available for down-cycling. Your Committee notes that it was also recommended that the Department of Health update and finalize the 2008 Department of Health draft policy on glass recycling. This measure will require the Department of Health to adopt the recommendations of the Auditor, thereby increasing efficiency and decreasing costs for the State's benefit.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 422 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture and
Environment,

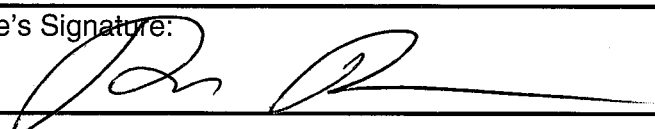


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 422	Committee Referral: AEN, WAM	Date: 02-13-2019		
<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			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes