

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 26 2019

RE: S.B. No. 522  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 2  
C.D. 1

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

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 522, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PLASTIC,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Create and appropriate funds for the activities of the plastic source reduction working group, including making recommendations for eliminating single-use plastic packaging; and
- (2) Establish and appropriate funds for the Solid Waste Prevention Coordinator position in the Department of Health.



Your Committee on Conference finds that Hawaii's forests, streams, and beaches are strewn with plastic debris, including micro plastic debris smaller than grains of sand, which are consumed by the smallest of endangered birds to the humpback whale. Among other hazards, plastic debris attracts and concentrates ambient pollutants in seawater and freshwater, which can transfer to fish, other seafood, and salt that are eventually sold for human consumption. Your Committee on Conference further finds that cleaning up plastic is a significant cost to Hawaii taxpayers. Your Committee on Conference therefore finds that creating the plastic source reduction working group is a step in the right direction toward preventing plastic debris from entering the waste stream and protecting human health and natural resources.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the duties of the working group;
- (2) Amending the membership of the working group;
- (3) Removing the appropriation of funds for the working group;
- (4) Eliminating the creation of the Solid Waste Prevention Coordinator position and the appropriation of funds for the position;
- (5) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose;
- (6) Making it effective on July 1, 2019; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 522, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 522, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



NICOLE E. LOWEN  
Co-Chair



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY  
Co-Chair



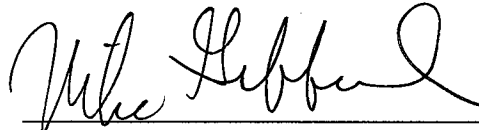
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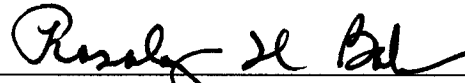
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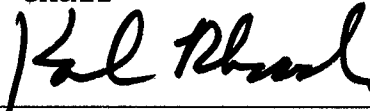
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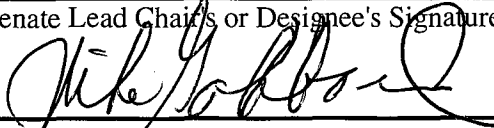

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Co-Chair



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Record of Votes of a  
Conference Committee

Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: <b>SB 522, SD 2, HD 2</b>					Date/Time: <i>4/26/19 5:40 pm</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).									
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.									
<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure					<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.				
Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
GABBARD, Mike, Chr.	✓				LOWEN, Nicole E., Co-Chr.	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H., Co-Chr.	✓				MCKELVEY, Angus L.K., Co-Chr.	✓			
RHOADS, Karl, Co-Chr.	✓				TAKUMI, Roy M., Co-Chr.	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C., Co-Chr.	✓				LEE, Chris, Co-Chr.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓				CULLEN, Ty J.K., Co-Chr.	✓			
					CABANILLA ARAKAWA, Rida				✓
					WILDBERGER, Tina				✓
					THIELEN, Cynthia				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>
A = Aye		WR = Aye with Reservations			N = Nay		E = Excused		
Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted					House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 					House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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