

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2461

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 10 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2727

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2727 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exempt a beverage dealer who is located in a high-density population area from operating a redemption center if the dealer is located within one mile, rather than two miles, of a certified redemption center operated independently of the dealer.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and Department of Environmental Services of the City and County of Honolulu. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Food Industry Association and one individual.

Your Committee finds that under the deposit beverage container program, dealers are required to operate a redemption center unless the dealer is located in a high-density population and within two miles of a certified redemption center that is operated independently of a dealer. This has resulted in a significant number of dealers being exempt from operating redemption centers. This measure limits the exemption to one mile, rather than two miles of a certified redemption center that is operated independently of a dealer to require more dealers to



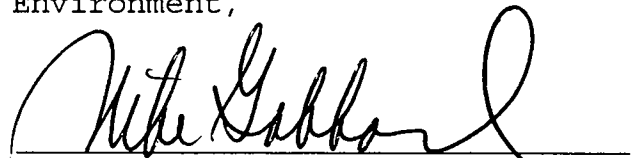
operate redemption centers thereby providing more recycling opportunities to Hawaii consumers.

Your Committee notes the testimony of the Department of Health and agrees that the effective date of this measure should be extended by three years, to July 1, 2023, to allow the Department of Health to convene an advisory committee per section 342G-122, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and revise section 11-282-31, Hawaii Administrative Rules, to update the dealer exemptions to operate redemption centers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2023.

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. 2727, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2727, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

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




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2727	Committee Referral: AEN, CPH	Date: 08/03/2020		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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			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