

STAND. COM. REP. NO. |||

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 24 2021**

RE: S.C.R. No. 23  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 23 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION TO ENSURE THAT DESTINATIONS TO WHICH THE STATE'S RECYCLABLE WASTE IS TRANSPORTED FOR OUT-OF-STATE PROCESSING ABIDE BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS AS OUTLINED BY THE BASEL CONVENTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Health's Environmental Management Division to ensure that destinations to which the State's recyclable waste is transported for out-of-state processing abide by the environmental standards as outlined by the Basel Convention.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Hawaii Food Industry Association, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal (Basel Convention) is a multilateral environmental agreement that establishes standards for the transboundary movement of hazardous waste and solid waste, including notice to and written confirmation from the receiving country prior to export, and seeks to protect human health and the environment from the adverse

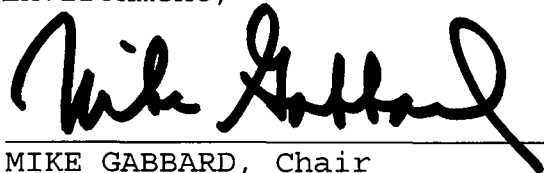


effects of hazardous wastes. The end-of-life processing for recyclable plastics and waste in many of the countries in which Hawaii's recyclable waste ultimately arrives are handled in a manner that is harmful to human health and local environments. Thereby, your Committee finds that it is necessary to ensure that the destinations to which the State's recyclable waste is transported for out-of-state processing abides by the environmental standards outlined in the Basel Convention.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 23, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 23, S.D. 1.

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



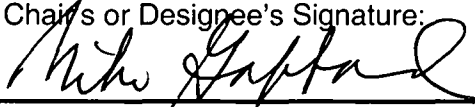
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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SCR 23	AEN	03/19/2021		
<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)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura				✓
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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