

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3962

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1992
H.D. 3
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1992, H.D. 3, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize and encourage the production of local compost and the diversion of certain materials from the State's waste streams.

More specifically, the measure:

- (1) Authorizes composting and co-composting operations in agricultural districts, under certain conditions; and
- (2) Establishes and appropriates moneys for an environmental health specialist IV position in the Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch of the Department of Health.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii County Department of Environmental Management; Maui County Department of Environmental Management; County of Kauai; Climate Protectors Hawaii; Kauai Women's Caucus; 350Hawaii; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; Life of the Land; Zero Waste Hawaii Island; West Maui Green Cycle,



Zero Waste Maui; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action; and nine individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance, Department of Health, and Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that allowing composting and co-composting operations in agricultural districts will benefit the State by helping to reduce landfill waste, increase composting, address climate change, and support regenerative agriculture.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2051, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1992, H.D. 3, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1992, H.D. 3, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes
 Committee on Ways and Means
 WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 1992 , HD3	Committee Referral: AEN, WAM	Date: 4/8/22		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	XXXXXXXX			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	XXXXXXXX			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				XXXXXX
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	XXXXXXXX			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	XXXXXXXX			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	XXXXXXXX			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	XXXXXXXX			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	XXXXXXXX			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	XXXXXXXX			
WAKAI, Glenn	XXXXXXXX			
FEVELLA, Kurt	XXXXXXXX			
TOTAL	10			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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