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RE: H.B. No. 2147
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 2147, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL PERMITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reinstate the Department of Health's authority to permit federal municipal solid waste landfills.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management.

Your Committee finds that the removal of the Department of Health's authority to permit federal municipal solid waste landfills not only removes regulatory oversight of the design, construction, and operation of federal municipal solid waste landfills, but also creates the loss of an approved municipal solid waste landfill permit program in accordance with federal regulations. The loss of a federal approved program would deny other municipal solid waste landfills in the State, which are currently all owned by the counties, the ability to design, operate, close, and monitor their landfills using alternative



designs or methods to the federal standards that could be more suitable for local site conditions and more cost-effective.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2147, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water & Land,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



