

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 232

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.B. No. 232 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LITTERING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the maximum civil penalty for littering from \$500 to \$1,000; and
- (2) Increase the maximum fine for the offense of criminal littering from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Food Industry Association and one individual.

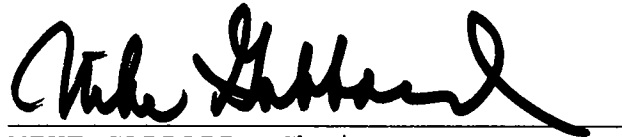
Your Committee finds that littering is costly, portrays a negative picture of an area and is dangerous to the environment. Litter can cause physical harm and injury, especially needles, broken glass, highway debris, and improperly disposed of cigarette butts that may spark fires. Littering can also contribute to the spread of disease and pollute the environment as toxic chemicals leach into waterways and soils. Furthermore, when litter drifts out to sea, animals may ingest the plastic which creates health problems, including depletion of nutrients and causing animals to die. Additionally, toxins ingested by animals may cause blood clotting, seizures, or other serious issues. Toxic waterways may



also kill off surrounding plant life in riverbanks, soil, and the air, compromising the health of the ecosystems and the animals and humans that rely on the health of the ecosystem. Your Committee finds that littering fines must be increased to reflect the seriousness of the offense, be sufficient to deter individuals from littering, and demonstrate the State's commitment to protecting the natural environment.

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. 232 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 232	AEN, JDC	02/03/2021		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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	✓			
TOTAL	4		1	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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