

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 774-24

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1897
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1897 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit lodging establishments from providing small plastic containers containing a personal care product to any person staying in a sleeping room accommodation, in any space within the sleeping room accommodation, or in any bathroom used by the public or guests.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission; PlanIt Branding; Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition; Hawaii Environmental Change Agents Solid Waste Task Force; Maui Hotel & Lodging Association; Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Plastics Industry Association and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Your Committee finds that single-use plastics are made from fossil fuel-based petrochemicals and end up in landfills, incinerators, or the environment after disposal. Your Committee

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further finds that lodging establishments frequently provide complimentary personal care products packaged in single-use plastic containers. This measure would prohibit lodging establishments from providing these containers to any person staying in a sleeping room accommodation, in any space within the sleeping room accommodation, or in any bathroom used by the public or guests.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the definition of "personal care product";
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1897, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1897, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1897	Committee Referral: EEP, CPC	Date: 2/8/24		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. COCHRAN, Elle (VC)	✓			
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
4. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.				✓
6. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
7. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (7)	6			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s) _____				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Elle Cochran</i>				
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