

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3600**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APR 03 2024**

RE: S.C.R. No. 89  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and Water and Land, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 89 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE AND OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DEVELOP A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT A WASTE-TO-ENERGY TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request that the Hawaii State Energy Office and Office of Planning and Sustainable Development develop a plan to implement a waste-to-energy technology solution.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development and three individuals.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from Life of the Land, Energy Justice Network, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Solid Waste Task Force of the Hawai'i Environmental Change Agents, Zero Waste Kauai, Kaua'i Climate Action Coalition, Green Party of Hawai'i, 350Hawaii.org, Climate Protectors Hawai'i, Kaua'i Group of the Hawaii Chapter of the Sierra Club, and fourteen individuals.



Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office and Hawaiian Electric.

Your Committees find that waste-to-energy facilities greatly reduce the volume of municipal solid waste that must be stored in a landfill by converting it to ash. Your Committees further find that waste-to-energy technology is a viable solution to reduce the State's solid waste stream, decrease the State's need for landfills, and provide non-fossil fuel electricity to reduce the State's dependency on the global oil market. This measure encourages the planning and implementation of new renewable energy projects, relating to waste-to-energy, to further advance the State's progress in achieving its renewable energy goals.

Your Committees note concerns raised in testimony regarding the current planning and operation of waste-to-energy facilities in the State and that a shortage of trash has hampered the ability of the Honolulu Program of Waste and Energy Recovery to meet its contractual obligations with Covanta Honolulu Resource Venture, leading to approximately \$6,200,000 in penalty and liquidated damage payments. Your Committees further note that narrowly focusing this measure to only include waste-to-energy technology solutions limits the development and attention to other alternative technology solutions and that this measure should be used as a mechanism to determine the best technology strategies to reduce waste and advance the State's renewable energy goals.

Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language requesting that the Hawaii State Energy Office and the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development develop a plan to implement waste-to-energy and other alternative technology solutions;
- (2) Amending its title to reflect its amended purpose; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and Water and Land that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 89, as amended herein,



and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R.  
No. 89, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Energy, Economic  
Development, and Tourism and  
Water and Land,

  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair

  
LYNN DECORTE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism**  
**EET**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SCR 89</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EET/WTL</i>	Date: <i>4-1-24</i>
------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------	------------------------

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312    
  Pass, with amendments 2311    
 Hold 2310    
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DECOITE, Lynn (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				✓
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>3</i>	<i>∅</i>	<i>∅</i>	<i>2</i>

Recommendation:  Adopted      Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: 

Distribution:     Original     Yellow     Pink     Goldenrod  
 File with Committee Report     Clerk's Office     Drafting Agency     Committee File Copy

**\*Only one measure per Record of Votes**

The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes  
 Committee on Water and Land  
 WTL

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SCR 89</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EET / WTL</b>	Date: <b>4/1/24</b>
------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------	------------------------


The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312     Pass, with amendments 2311     Hold 2310     Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley				✓
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.		✓		
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

Recommendation:     Adopted     Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: 

Distribution:    Original    Yellow    Pink    Goldenrod  
 File with Committee Report    Clerk's Office    Drafting Agency    Committee File Copy

\*Only one measure per Record of Votes