

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1058

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 28**, 2025

RE: H.B. No. 918  
H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 918, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABELING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish labeling requirements for certain premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Environmental Management of the County of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; and Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; and Household & Commercial Products Association.

Your Committee finds that the accumulation of disposable wipes, even those labeled as "flushable", in wastewater treatment systems is a major contributor to blockages in sewer systems. This can lead to sewage spills, increased maintenance costs, and environmental hazards. This measure would establish clear labeling requirements for non-flushable wipes and impose civil penalties to ensure compliance by manufacturers and retailers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

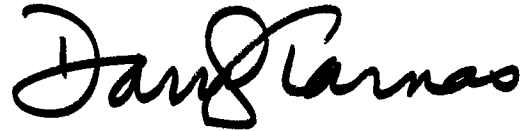
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- (1) Removing the Department of Health from language relating to the registration and approval of manufacturers of covered products by the United States Environmental Protection Agency;
- (2) Deleting language that would have established penalties under this measure; 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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 918, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 918, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the ,  
Committee on Judiciary &  
Hawaiian Affairs,



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DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB918 HD1	Committee Referral: CPC, JHA	Date: 02/25/2025		
<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)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. COCHRAN, Elle				✓
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KAHALOA, Kirstin				✓
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. TODD, Chris	✓			
10. GARCIA, Diamond				✓
11. SHIMIZU, Garner M.				✓
TOTAL (11)	7	0	0	4
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: _____				
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