

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 256
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which
was referred H.B. No. 256, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require an owner
or operator of a waste-to-energy facility to comply with certain
United States Environmental Protection Agency regulations for
emission limitations as they existed on December 31, 2024, unless
the emission limits are made more stringent by federal regulations
or by the state air pollution control permit issued to that owner
or operator by the Department of Health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, Reworld, and one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from Climate
Protectors Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that the Environmental Protection Agency
recently announced a major deregulation initiative with plans to
reconsider rules and policies that largely address climate change
or aim to reduce pollution from the burning of fossil fuels. The
State is committed to maintaining stringent environmental
standards that govern the operations of waste-to-energy facilities



and preventing backsliding due to potential changes that may be proposed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. This measure will therefore help protect the State's environment and public health for current and future generations by preserving the existing environmental protections already in place in the event that less stringent federal regulations are subsequently enacted.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 256, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce and
Consumer Protection,



FARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 256 HD2 SD1	Committee Referral: HHS/AEN, CPN	Date: 4/1/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	✓			
AWA, Brenton			✓	
TOTAL	4		1	
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <div>Distribution:</div> <div>Original</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>Pink</div> <div>Goldenrod</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: x-small; margin-top: 2px;"> <div>File with Committee Report</div> <div>Clerk's Office</div> <div>Drafting Agency</div> <div>Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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