

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

494

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 642

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 642 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to help reduce waste in Hawaii by exempting from the general excise tax an amount up to \$500,000 received for, or for the disposal of, wet waste recyclables.

The Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making the cap for the general excise tax exemption an unspecified sum;
- (2) Defining "clean garbage"; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Should your Committee on Finance deliberate this measure further, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider setting the cap for the general excise tax exemption at \$500,000.

HB642 HD1 HSCR EEP HMS 2015-1960



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. 642, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 642, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



CHRIS LEE, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

| Bill/Resolution No.: HB 642 | Committee Referral: EEP, FIN | Date: 2/10/15 | | |
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| <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. LEE, Chris (C) | / | | | |
| 2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (VC) | / | | | |
| 3. CULLEN, Ty J.K. | / | | | |
| 4. EVANS, Cindy | / | | | |
| 5. ING, Kaniela | / | | | |
| 6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. | / | | | |
| 7. SAY, Calvin K.Y. | / | | | |
| 8. YAMANE, Ryan I. | / | | | |
| 9. POUHA, Feki | / | | | |
| 10. THIELEN, Cynthia | / | | | |
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| TOTAL (10) | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small> | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Muse E. H.</i></u> | | | | |
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