

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 703  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 703, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOLID WASTE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address the applicability of the solid waste management surcharge.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Defines "waste-to-energy facility";
- (2) Creates a distinction between solid waste disposed of at landfills or transferred outside the State and solid waste disposed of at waste-to-energy facilities;
- (3) Clarifies that a solid waste management surcharge applies to solid waste transferred outside the State for disposal;
- (4) Exempts ash from the solid waste management surcharge if the ash was from a waste-to-energy facility and was later disposed of in a landfill; and
- (5) Establishes a solid waste management surcharge for solid waste disposed of at waste-to-energy facilities, unless the waste-to-energy facility accepts less than 150,000 tons of solid waste annually.



Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that the solid waste management surcharge is the primary funding mechanism for the Department of Health's solid waste regulatory program. This program regulates waste treatment operations and solid waste management facilities including landfill, waste-to-energy, recycling, and composting.

Your Committee notes that the solid waste management surcharge was last increased in 1997 to thirty-five cents per ton. Your Committee also notes that Hawaii has the lowest surcharge that has been imposed by state regulatory programs, and at this surcharge amount, the solid waste regulatory program expects to be insolvent by fiscal year 2017. Your Committee finds that this measure is necessary to clarify the applicability of the surcharge and to preserve the fiscal stability of the solid waste regulatory program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 703, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



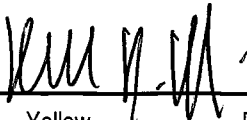
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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB703 SDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>ENE/PSM,WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/4/15</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.		✓		
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.			✓	✓
SLOM, Sam	<del>✓</del> N/A		✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	8	1	1	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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