

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2785

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2326  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2326 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MICROBEADS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to phase in a prohibition on the manufacture and sale in Hawaii of certain personal care products and non-prescription drugs that contain synthetic plastic microbeads.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Conservation Council for Hawaii, WAI: Wastewater Alternatives and Innovations, and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Personal Care Products Council and Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that synthetic plastic microbeads pose a serious threat to the natural environment. Synthetic plastic microbeads are an ingredient in many personal care products and are used for exfoliating dead skin cells. Sewage waste treatment facilities are unable to filter synthetic plastic microbeads out of wastewater because of their small size, and as a result, synthetic plastic microbeads are often discharged into the ocean along with the treated wastewater. Marine life can easily swallow



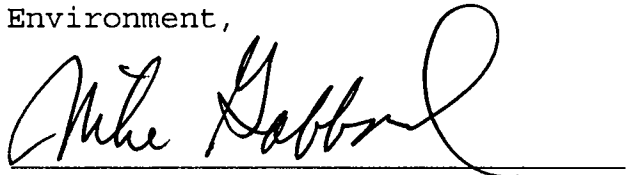
the synthetic plastic microbeads, potentially causing injury and even death. Your Committee finds that the State has an interest in protecting its natural environment and decreasing the amount of plastic waste flowing into its waters. This measure protects Hawaii's ocean environment by phasing out the manufacturing and sale of certain personal products that contain synthetic plastic microbeads in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have provided civil penalties for violations;
- (2) Deleting the definition of "non-prescription drug", given that it is defined elsewhere in chapter 328, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2326, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2326, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture and  
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2326</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN, JDC</b>	Date: <b>02/12/2020</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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.				X
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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