

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1007

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 18 , 2021

RE: S.B. No. 348
S.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which
was referred S.B. No. 348, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BOTTLED WATER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal the requirement that noncarbonated bottled water be transported, stored, processed, or bottled through lines or equipment through which only water is passed; and
- (2) Update existing law to require bottled water to meet standards prescribed by the United States Food and Drug Administration regarding product quality standards for bottled water.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Sierra Club National Marine Team, Hawaii Food Industry Association, Ball Corporation, Ko Olina Resort Operators Association, and Maui Brewing Co. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that existing state law expressly prohibits carbonated soft drink, juice, and beer operations from

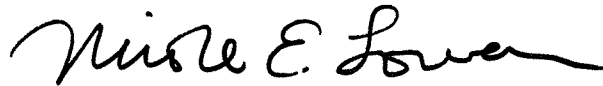
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using the same equipment to can noncarbonated bottled water. This measure ensures that local beverage filling companies that manufacture other products can provide noncarbonated water in aluminum cans to consumers as a more recyclable alternative to single-use plastic water bottles, allowing local businesses to expand into new products and encourage economic growth.

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 S.B. No. 348, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>SB 348, SD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EEP, CPC, FIN</i>	Date: <i>3/16/21</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	/			
2. MARTEN, Lisa (VC)	/			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.	/			
4. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.				/
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.	/			
6. TODD, Chris	/			
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	/			
TOTAL (8)	<i>7</i>			<i>1</i>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Lisa Marten</i>				
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