

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 720

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 878
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. 878, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to benefit residents in communities that have areas inaccessible to municipal wastewater systems by authorizing the counties to approve the installation and use of composting toilets in those areas.

Your Committee finds that there are certain areas of Hawaii, such as Kaloko-Honokohau National Historic Park, that due to geographic challenges, such as proximity to the ocean, hard volcanic rock, and groundwater two feet below the surface, are ill-suited for the installation and use of flush and septic systems. Your Committee further finds that composting toilets are a useful way to address sewage needs throughout the State because they use no water and produce compost that may be used to enrich the soil. Your Committee believes that composting toilets are an effective way to address the lack of waste disposal systems and that authorizing the counties to approve the installation and use of composting toilets will benefit the public health and welfare as a whole.

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. 878, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

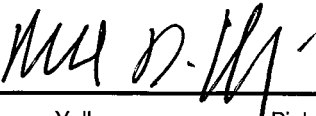


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB878 SD1	PSM/HTH, WAM	2/26/15		
<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				✓
TOTAL	7	0	0	4
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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