

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2777

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. 2777 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the environmental council special fund; and
- (2) Allocate 0.00525 cent of the state environmental response, energy, and food security tax on each barrel of petroleum product to be deposited into the environmental council special fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii's Thousand Friends and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the Environmental Council serves as a liaison between the Director of Health and the public on matters concerning ecology and environmental quality. The Council also monitors the progress of state, county, and federal agencies in achieving the State's environmental goals and policies and publishes its findings in its annual reports. The fifteen Environmental Council members are appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to assure a broad and



balanced representation of educational, business, and environmentally pertinent disciplines and professions. Your Committee finds that in order to ensure the Environment Council can fulfill all of its duties, it requires funding. Accordingly, this measure establishes a funding source for the Environmental Council.

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. 2777 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

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Committee on Agriculture and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2777	Committee Referral: AEN, WAM	Date: 02/03/2020		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)				X
RHOADS, Karl	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes