

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1380-06

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 4, 2006

RE: H.R. No. 223
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety & Military Affairs and
Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, to which was referred H.R. No.
223 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ADJUTANT GENERAL TO
CONDUCT A STUDY OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATELY OWNED DAMS IN THE
STATE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to request the Chairperson
of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) and the Adjutant
General to conduct a study of all public and privately owned dams
in the state.

The Department of Defense and Kaneohe Neighborhood Board
supported this measure. BLNR supported the intent of this
measure.

Your Committees find that many of these dams are earthen dams
built in the 1800s to retain irrigation water. Moreover, 20 dams
in this state have deficiencies that raise safety concerns and are
classified as high-hazard due to their proximity to urban areas
that would cause loss of life and significant property damage.

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Furthermore, the catastrophic failure of Kaloko Reservoir dam in Kauai causing the loss of life and millions in property damage serves as a tragic example of the necessity of this study.

Your Committees have amended this measure to:

- (1) Include in the study an appropriate fee schedule for the costs of the dam improvements; and
- (2) The inspection costs for private dam owners will be their responsibility with the option of reimbursing the State for doing the consultation.

Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety & Military Affairs and Water, Land, & Ocean Resources that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 223, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 223, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Public Safety &
Military Affairs and Water,
Land, & Ocean Resources,


EZRRA R. KANOCHO, Chair


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