

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1757-06

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 13, 2006

RE: H.R. No. 238

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, Housing, and Economic Development & Business Concerns, to which was referred H.R. No. 238 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO REQUIRE ALL NEW RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS BE EQUIPPED WITH WATER CONSERVATION DEVICES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to request the counties to require that all new residential and commercial developments be equipped with water conservation devices.

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii agreed with the intent of this measure, but expressed concerns via written testimony. Two individuals submitted written testimony in support of this measure.

Your Committees are aware that the State's freshwater resources are of utmost concern and the joint effort of individuals, businesses, and communities is required to ensure a sufficient supply for present and future generations. One method of conserving water is to require the installation of water conservation devices in new residential and commercial developments, including low-flow plumbing, low-flush toilets, faucet aerators, and other devices that promote water conservation. The implementation of water conservation policies by the counties will go a long way toward cultivating conservation

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awareness and efforts and helping to ensure the most efficient use of Hawaii's previous freshwater resources.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, Housing, and Economic Development & Business Concerns that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 238 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, Housing, and Economic Development & Business Concerns,

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