

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1159-06

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2480
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 2480, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to conduct a study on the feasibility of constructing a wastewater treatment facility for Kapoho Vacationland Estates and Farmlots on the island of Hawaii.

The study also includes feasibility of constructing public restrooms at the Wai O Pae Marine Life Conservation District located within Kapoho Vacationland Estates.

Your Committee finds that the Kapoho Vacationland Estates and Farmlots rely primarily on cesspools and septic tanks as a means of wastewater disposal. Due to the high groundwater table, close proximity to the valuable nearshore water and porous ground formations, wastewater from these communities may be impacting the nearshore waters.

This measure provides a grant-in-aid to the county of Hawaii for a feasibility study to determine whether a wastewater treatment facility or other alternative will work best to protect the environment in this area. The study will also evaluate wastewater treatment techniques, perform cost-benefit analysis of different wastewater technologies, examine financing strategies,

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and determine applicable shoreline certifications and the proper design and construction of the proposed restroom facilities.

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. 2480, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



HERMINA MORITA, Chair



