

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2421

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2638

S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Water and Land and Energy and Environment,
to which was referred S.B. No. 2638 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPER
SUCKER,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the
full-time operation of the Super Sucker in Kaneohe Bay for one
year and to fund the acquisition of an additional Junior Super
Sucker and its operation for a one year period.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
Office of Hawaiian Affairs, The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i, the
Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Conservation Council
for Hawai'i, and two individuals.

Your Committees find that alien algae are overgrowing,
killing coral reefs in Hawaii, and threatening the fragile reef
ecosystem. Alien algae currently dominate large portions of
Kaneohe Bay and Oahu's south shore as well as the south shores of
Maui and Molokai.

The Super Sucker was developed by joint effort of the State
Division of Aquatic Resources, the University of Hawaii, and The
Nature Conservancy in 2005. Over the past two years, the Super
Sucker has proved to be an effective tool in removing alien algae
from coral reefs in Kaneohe Bay. The Super Sucker operation is
conducted by a five-person crew and has been able to remove eight

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hundred pounds of alien algae in an hour of operation. However, due to funding limitations the Super Sucker has been only operating approximately once a week.


In addition to the Super Sucker, there is also one portable Super Sucker, known as the Junior Super Sucker, currently in operation. The Junior Super Sucker is smaller and more maneuverable than the Super Sucker and is intended to be used in remote locations, such as Maunalua Bay on Oahu, Hilo Bay on Hawaii, and North Kihei on Maui, to address the problem of alien algae.

Your Committees recommend that future committees hearing this measure consider appropriating the amount of \$500,000 for the full-time operation of the Super Sucker in Kaneohe Bay and the amount of \$256,920 for the acquisition and full-time operation of one Junior Super Sucker.

Your Committees have amended this measure by providing an unspecified amount for the appropriation for the operation of the Super Sucker in Kaneohe Bay.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land and Energy and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2638, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2638, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water and Land
and Energy and Environment,



RON MENOR, Chair

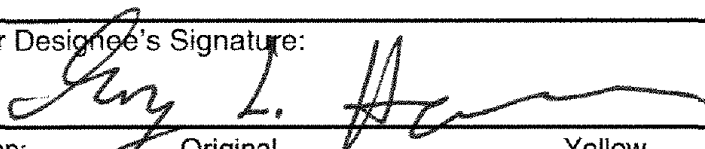


CLAYTON HEE, Chair



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SB 2638	WTL/ENE, WAM	2/12/08		
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The Recommendation is:				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
MENOR, Ron (C)	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L. (VC)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				✓
TRIMBLE, Gordon		✓		
TOTAL	3	1		1
Recommendation:				
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