

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 384

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 384
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to increase water safety levels
in Hawaii by establishing a temporary water safety task force in
the Department of Health to investigate and examine the
advisability of expanding its water safety curriculum to include
measures to protect the public against the dangers of retention
ponds.

Several concerned individuals supported this bill. The
American Public Works Association - Hawaii Chapter and American
Council of Engineering Companies of Hawaii supported the intent of
this measure. The Department of Health and Department of Land and
Natural Resources submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

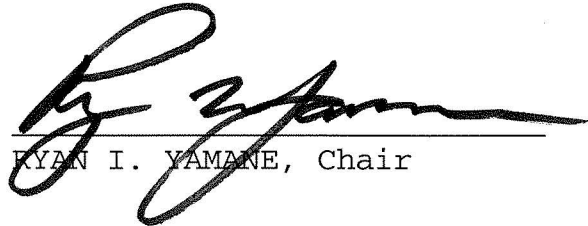
- (1) Adding to the water safety task force the:
 - (A) President of the Hawaii Chapter of the American
Public Works Association;
 - (B) Commander of the United States Army Corps of
Engineers' Honolulu Engineering District; and



- (C) Director of the United States Department of Agriculture's Hawaii field office.
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 384, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 384, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



