

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1381

S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1381, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Health to use economic stimulus funds received by the State from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to fund drinking water infrastructure projects and wastewater infrastructure projects.

Your Committee received three written comments on this measure. The written comments may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that federal economic stimulus moneys received by the State should be used to repair and construct crucial drinking water and wastewater infrastructure throughout the State. Your Committee believes that this would be an appropriate use of these moneys as it would improve the State's public works infrastructure, provide jobs, and help stimulate Hawaii's economy.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on this measure; and



- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1381, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1381, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



