

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2011

RE: H.B. No. 496

S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water, Land, and Housing and Energy and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 496 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAKE WILSON,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a pilot project within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to remove pollutants and improve water clarity in Lake Wilson;
- (2) Require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to report to the Legislature on the viability, safety, and effectiveness of the pilot project; and
- (3) Appropriate an unspecified sum to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the 2011-2012 fiscal year to conduct the pilot project.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Partners in Development Foundation. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committees find that Lake Wilson, Hawaii's largest reservoir, has the potential to provide the water needed for the North Shore of Oahu's agricultural expansion, but that the current quality of the water limits the amount of crops that can be



produced nearby. A cleaner Lake Wilson can also be used for recreational opportunities. This measure proposes an innovative way to remove pollutants and improve water quality in Lake Wilson, which can in turn support local agriculture, reduce our reliance on imported foods, and decrease our dependence on fossil fuels.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

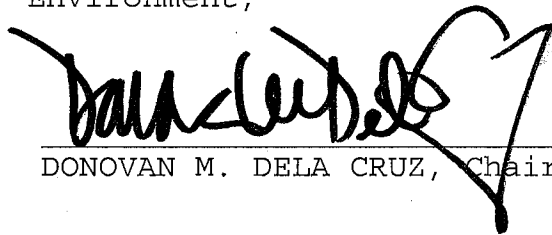
- (1) Deleting "marine", which may imply saltwater, from the phrase "marine phytoremediation" to avoid confusion, as Lake Wilson is a freshwater body; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water, Land, and Housing and Energy and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 496, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 496, 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, Land, and
Housing and Energy and
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair

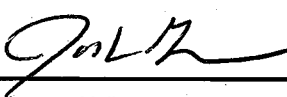


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Record of Votes
Committee on Energy and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB496	Committee Referral: WLH/ENE, WAM	Date: 3/22/11		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)				✓
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes