

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2524

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2640

S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs and Energy and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2640 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow the use of individual wastewater systems as an on-site means of wastewater disposal in lieu of county-operated wastewater treatment works.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Ka Honua Momona International, Honson Company, Inc., Life of the Land, Sierra Club, and two individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health and Department of Environmental Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committees find that Hawaii's fresh water sustains all life within this State, and that conventional wastewater treatment systems use more of this finite resource than many innovative, individual wastewater treatment systems. Individual wastewater treatment systems should be allowed under specific circumstances to enable the State to meet its sustainability goals.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that counties shall permit individual wastewater treatment systems as an on-site means of

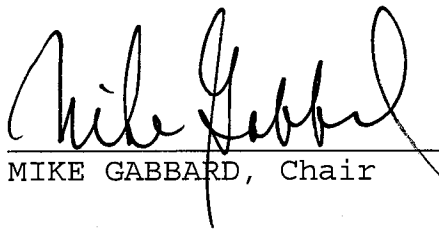


wastewater disposal when the system pre-dates a county-operated wastewater treatment system and the county determines that allowing the system is fair and equitable;

- (2) Requiring the counties, no later than December 31, 2013, to adopt rules or ordinances allowing individual wastewater treatment systems; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs and Energy and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2640, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2640, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs and Energy and Environment,

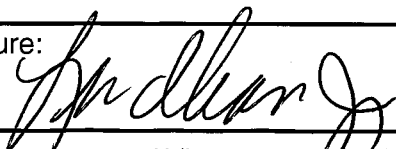

MIKE GABBARD, Chair


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Record of Votes
Committee on Energy and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2640	Committee Referral: PGM/ENE	Date: 2-28-12		
<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: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes