

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

198

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2011

RE: S.B. No. 684
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 684 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a Lake Wilson Task Force under the Department of Land and Natural Resources to assess the current condition of the waters of the lake and recommend action to improve the water quality.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that the inflow of treated effluence into Lake Wilson has led to poor water quality that affects agricultural production. Water from Lake Wilson is currently used for tree crops, corn, and other production items that can use water that contains R-2 effluent (disinfected secondary treated effluent). Water that contains R-1 effluent (disinfected tertiary treated effluent) can be used to grow any food crops, including all edible root crops where the recycled water comes in contact with the edible portion of the crop. Upgrading the effluent entering the lake, among other measures, can improve water quality and benefit agricultural production.



Your Committee further finds that improving the quality of water in Lake Wilson will lead to greater recreational opportunities, such as fishing, boating, and other water recreation activities.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Health submitted testimony indicating that the City and County of Honolulu recently issued notice to its contractor to proceed with the construction of the Wahiawa Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade to enable the plant to produce R-1 quality water.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 684, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 684, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

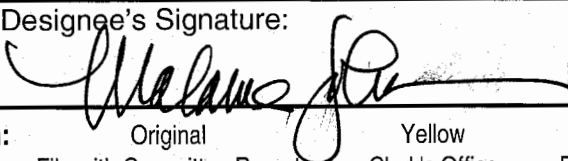
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, and
Housing,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB684</i>	Committee Referral: <i>WLH, WAM</i>	Date: <i>Feb 8, 2011</i>		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	✓			
SOLOMON, Malama (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				✓
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile				✓
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL				
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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