

Honolulu, Hawaii  
January 31, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1679  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water & Land and Ocean, Marine Resources,  
& Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1679 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DIAMOND HEAD SEAWALL,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for  
planning, design, and construction costs associated with  
assessing, repairing, and maintaining the Diamond Head seawall.

The Representative of the 19<sup>th</sup> Representative District, the  
Gold Coast Neighborhood Association, and the Diamond Head Beach  
Hotel and Residences Association of Apartment Owners testified in  
support of this measure. The Department of Land and Natural  
Resources testified in opposition of this measure.

Your Committees note that although an official order of final  
judgment has yet to be issued, the First Circuit Court has made  
findings that the State is responsible for maintaining the Diamond  
Head seawall pursuant to Gold Coast Neighborhood Association v.  
State of Hawaii (Civil No. 07-1-1122-06). Your Committees also  
note that the Diamond Head seawall has significant cultural,  
historic, and recreational value, acting as a public thoroughfare  
to the ocean for nearly a century for both residents and visitors  
alike. Accordingly, as a matter of public policy, your Committees  
find that efforts should be undertaken to preserve and maintain  
the seawall to ensure continued safe public usage.




Your Committees have amended this measure by changing the appropriated sum from \$3,000,000 to an unspecified amount.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1679, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1679, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Water & Land and  
Ocean, Marine Resources, &  
Hawaiian Affairs,

  
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FAYE P. HANOHANO, Chair

  
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CINDY EVANS, Chair





