

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2554

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2344
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2344, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address the effects of climate change and protect Hawaii's economy, health, environment, and way of life.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes an interagency Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Committee, attached to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for administrative purposes, to develop a report examining Hawaii's vulnerability to sea level rise, and possibilities for adaptation, through the year 2050;
- (2) Requires the Office of Planning to coordinate the development of a statewide climate adaptation plan and to use the Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Committee's report as a basis for addressing other climate threats and climate change adaptation priorities identified in Act 286, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012; and
- (3) Appropriates funds and creates positions to carry out these duties.



Written comments in support were submitted by the Office of Planning, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the Sierra Club of Hawaii, and one individual. Written comments were submitted by the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that climate change is an enormous challenge facing Hawaii. Shoreline erosion, drought, and rising temperatures are impacting Hawaii and are expected to accelerate in the future. Your Committee believes that this measure will assist in addressing and mitigating the long-term threats of climate change to the State's economy, security, and way of life.

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. 2344, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



DAVID Y. ICE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 2344 SD 1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>ENE/NTL, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2-20-14</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				✓
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
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Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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