

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2291

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2876
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Water and Land and Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 2876 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 12, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO ASSIST DAM AND RESERVOIR OWNERS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to propose a constitutional amendment to authorize the State to issue special purpose revenue bonds and use the proceeds from the bonds to assist dam and reservoir owners.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Land Use Research Foundation, Department of Budget and Finance, and Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. Your Committees received comments on this measure from Hamakua County Farm Bureau.

Your Committees find that the implementation of the Dam and Reservoir Safety Act of 2007, codified as chapter 179D, part II, Hawaii Revised Statutes, mandates dam and reservoir owners to bring their dams and reservoirs into compliance. Over eighty percent of the dams in Hawaii were constructed before 1940 to support the sugarcane plantations. Due to the age of these facilities and deferred maintenance due to demise of the sugar industry, without needed safety improvements, many dams could pose risks to life and property when they fail. Depending on the

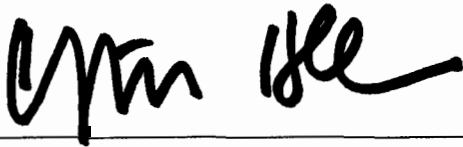


extent of the required improvements, some dam and reservoir owners may not have the resources to fund these improvements.

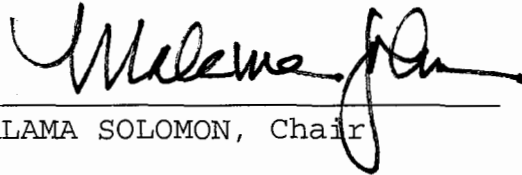
Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land and Judiciary and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2876, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2876, 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 and Land
and Judiciary and Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair

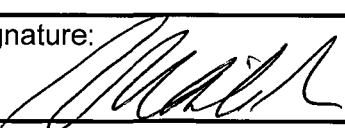


MALAMA SOLOMON, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 2876	WTL/JDL, WAM	2/7/14
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓	
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓	
GABBARD, Mike		✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood		✓
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓	
SOLOMON, Malama	✓	
SLOM, Sam	✓	
TOTAL	5	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