

HB 2620

Testimony

Measure Title:	RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.
Report Title:	Oil Spill Prevention; Sea Grant College Program; University of Hawaii; Appropriation (\$)
Description:	Requires the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program to submit a report updating the 1996 report on oil spills. Appropriates funds for staffing and resources to update the 1996 report. Effective March 24, 2989. (HB2620 HD1)
Companion:	SB3016
Package:	None
Current Referral:	HRE/ENE, WAM
Introducer(s):	C. LEE, AWANA, BELATTI, BROWER, CACHOLA, CARROLL, CREAGAN, CULLEN, EVANS, HANOHANO, HASHEM, ICHIYAMA, ING, ITO, JOHANSON, LOWEN, LUKE, MCKELVEY, MIZUNO, MORIKAWA, NISHIMOTO, OHNO, SAIKI, TAKAYAMA, THIELEN, WOODSON, YAMANE, Tokioka, Tsuji



**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2014**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. No. 2620, H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION
AND ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

DATE: Thursday, March 13, 2014

TIME: 2:30 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 229

TESTIFIER(S): WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY.

(For more information, contact Diane Erickson,
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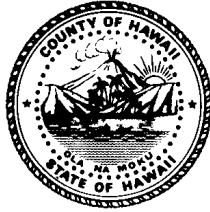
Chairs Taniguchi and Gabbard and Members of the Committees:

This bill requires the University of Hawai'i sea grant college, in consultation with major stakeholders, to submit a report updating its 1996 report "Hawaii's Readiness to Prevent and Respond to Oil Spills," to the Legislature, including findings, recommendations, and proposed draft legislation, if necessary, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2016.

Article X, section 6, of the Hawaii State Constitution, gives the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents "exclusive jurisdiction over the internal structure, management, and operation of the university." Section 6 further provides that: "This section shall not limit the power of the legislature to enact laws of statewide concern. The legislature shall have the exclusive jurisdiction to identify laws of statewide concern."

The legislature should consider amending this bill to add a provision identifying the bill to be a law of statewide concern.

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March 12, 2014

The Honorable Mark Takai, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Veterans,
Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 312
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Senate Bill 2620, SD 2, RELATING TO THE WORKS OF ART SPECIAL FUND

Aloha, Chair Takai and Committee Members:

Mahalo for this opportunity to express our strong support for Senate Bill 2620, SD 2 that will allow art acquired using moneys from the works of art special fund to be displayed and maintained in public buildings, including federal, state, and county buildings.

We understand that currently 32% of the state's 7,000 art pieces are sitting in storage. Our communities will gain cultural, social, and economic value if our citizens are able to enjoy these public works of art in all our government buildings.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,

William P. Kenoi
MAYOR



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In reply, please refer to:
File:

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
H.B. 2620, HD1, RELATING TO ENVIRONMENT

Testimony of Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.
Director of Health

March 13, 2014
2:30 P.M.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports this measure since it will
2 further the goals of environmental protection and prevention, preparedness, and response to oil and
3 significant material spills

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department of Health is the lead state agency for the response to any
6 oil or hazardous material release. The updating of the 1996 report, *Hawaii's Readiness to Prevent and*
7 *Respond to Oil Spills* and the 1992 economic analysis, *Oil Spills at Sea---Potential Impacts on Hawaii*
8 greatly shaped Hawaii's ability and capability to respond to potential oil spills in Hawaiian waters. The
9 proposed updating of this evaluation will further strengthen Hawaii's preparedness and response
10 program to better plan for potential harmful releases to Hawaii waters and land with current knowledge
11 and technologies. As the economy strengthens and energy sources dynamics change, it is critical that
12 our planning be updated to prevent environmental pollution and protect public health.

13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.