

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3516

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2040
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2040 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER SECURITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the State's water security.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes a two-year pilot program on developing public-private partnerships that increase water security;
- (2) Establishes a water security advisory group to advise the Department of Land and Natural Resources on water security proposals; and
- (3) Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources, upon the advice of the advisory group, to provide matching state funds for projects and programs that:
 - (A) Increase the recharge of groundwater resources;
 - (B) Encourage the reuse of water and reduce the use of potable water for landscaping irrigation; and



- (C) Improve the efficiency of potable and agricultural water use.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Board of Water Supply of the City and County of Honolulu; the Hawaii Community Foundation; the Hawaii Farm Bureau; the Hawaii Fresh Water Council; Hawaii Green Growth; Surfrider Foundation, Hawaii Chapters; and one individual.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the two-year pilot program for a Water Security Advisory Group in the Department of Land and Natural Resources established by this measure will enable public-private partnerships by providing matching funds for projects that increase water security. This pilot program will provide incentives to increase the recharge of groundwater resources, encourage the reuse of water and reduce the use of potable water for landscaping irrigation, and improve the efficiency of potable and agricultural water use.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested to provide the necessary appropriation amount for this measure as it continues to move through the legislative process.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure and correcting a grammatical error.

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 H.B. No. 2040, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2040, S.D. 1.

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



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2040	Committee Referral: WLA, WAM	Date: 3/31/12		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			/
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			/
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	9			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