

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 17 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2040

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture, 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 establish a two-year pilot program for a water security advisory group to enable public-private partnerships that increase water security by providing matching state funds for projects and programs that:

- (1) Increase the recharge of groundwater resources;
- (2) Encourage the reuse of water and reduce the use of potable water for landscaping irrigation; and
- (3) Improve the efficiency of potable and agricultural water use.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, City and County of Honolulu Board of Water Supply, Hawai'i Fresh Water Council, Hawai'i Community Foundation, Hawai'i Green Growth, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Surfrider Foundation's Oahu Chapter, and two individuals.

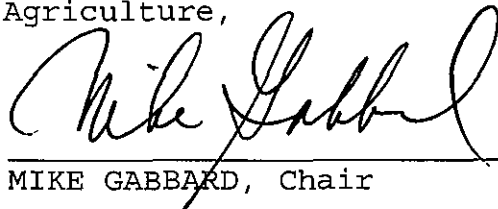
Your Committee finds that new and innovative partnerships are needed to catalyze large-scale investment in Hawaii's sustainable development, such as the Aloha+ Natural Capital Investment Partnership, which is a joint public-private conservation commitment that will demonstrate Hawaii's commitment to natural



resources management with a special focus on climate resilience at the World Conservation Congress and beyond. Reliable, long-term funding is also needed to meet the State's Aloha+ Challenge conservation targets by 2030, which will require partners from multiple sectors, including county, state, and federal governments as well as private philanthropic and corporate entities, to work together to leverage funds and provide matching opportunities.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2040, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, and
Agriculture,




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2040	WLA, WAM	3/14/16		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				/
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				/
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
THIELEN, Laura H.				/
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	5			4
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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