

Honolulu, Hawaii
April 29, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2626
H.D. 1
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

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

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to place restrictions on permits for underground storage tanks.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Beginning July 1, 2016, prohibits the Department of Health from issuing a permit for any new underground storage tank within one hundred yards of the shoreline;
- (2) Beginning January 1, 2020, requires the Department of Health to work with and assist owners of permitted underground storage tanks within one hundred yards of the



shoreline to relocate or phase out their use of the underground storage tanks by January 1, 2045; and

- (3) Beginning January 1, 2045:
 - (A) Prohibits any person from operating an underground storage tank within one hundred yards of the shoreline; and
 - (B) Prohibits the renewal of any permit for an underground storage tank within one hundred yards of the shoreline.

Your Committee on Conference finds that climate change is real and that rising sea levels threaten the quality of life in Hawaii. Based on this finding, your Committee on Conference believes that the inundation of underground storage tanks poses risks to the aquifer as well as coastal water quality and marine ecosystems. Therefore, the phasing out of underground storage tanks within one hundred yards of the shoreline is in the best interest of the public's health, safety, and welfare.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the requirement that the Department of Health work with and assist owners of permitted underground storage tanks within one hundred yards of the shoreline to relocate or phase out their use of the underground storage tanks by January 1, 2045;
- (2) Specifying that this measure applies to underground fuel storage tanks; and
- (3) Making technical amendments for the purpose of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

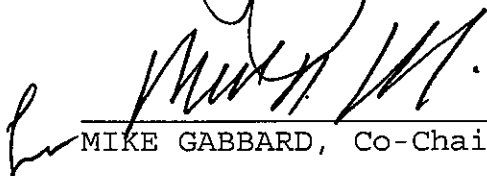
ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE



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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
WAKAI, Glenn, Chr.	✓				LEE, Chris, Co-Chr.	✓			
GABBARD, Mike, Co-Chr.	✓				YAMANE, Ryan I., Co-Chr.	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H., Co-Chr.	✓				RHOADS, Karl, Co-Chr.				✓
					LUKE, Sylvia, Co-Chr.	✓			
					WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL	3				TOTAL	4			1

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:
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