

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 19, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2626
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and
Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 2626 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to help protect Hawaii's
marine environment and underground aquifers in the face of climate
change by:

- (1) Prohibiting the permitting of new underground storage
tanks within 100 yards of the shoreline;
- (2) Allowing holders of permits for existing underground
storage tanks within 100 yards of the shoreline to renew
their permits until January 1, 2029; and
- (3) Prohibiting the operation of any underground storage
tank within 100 yards of the shoreline as of January 1,
2030.

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply and Sierra Club of Hawaii
supported this measure. The Department of Health supported the
intent of the measure. The Hawaii Petroleum Marketers
Association; Hawaii Petroleum, Inc.; and Par Hawaii opposed the
measure.




Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the deadline by which holders of permits for existing underground storage tanks within 100 yards of the shoreline can renew their permits;
- (2) Deleting the prohibition against the operation of any underground storage tank within 100 yards of the shoreline as of January 1, 2030; and
- (3) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2626, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy &
Environmental Protection and
Water & Land,



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



CHRIS LEE, Chair



