

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 19, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2646
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 2646, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:


The purpose of this measure is to protect public health and the quality of Hawaii's drinking water by establishing a Permanent Fuel Tank Advisory Committee within the Department of Health to study and monitor underground fuel storage tank leak issues.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, a Councilmember of the City Council of the City and County of Honolulu, Board of Water Supply of the City and County of Honolulu, Sierra Club of Hawaii, and an individual provided testimony in support of this measure. The Navy Region Hawaii, Department of Health, and Conservation Council for Hawaii provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2646, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water & Land,



RYAN P. YAMANE, Chair



