

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2640

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 S.B. No. 2640 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, Hawaii Community Foundation, Hawaii Fresh Water Initiative, Conservation Council for Hawaii, and the Nature Conservancy.

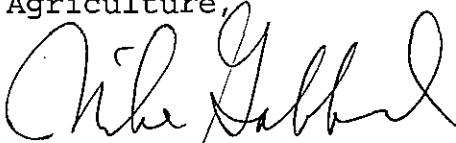
Your Committee finds that new and innovative partnerships are needed to catalyze large-scale investment in Hawaii's sustainable development, such as the Aloha+ Natural Capital Investment Partnership, which is a joint public-private conservation commitment that will demonstrate Hawaii's commitment to 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 S.B. No. 2640 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,




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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture**  
**WLA**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB2640</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WLA, WAM</b>	Date: <b>Feb. 1, 2016</b>		
<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 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	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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