

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2017

RE: S.B. No. 635
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water and Land, Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 635 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER CONSERVATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to establish a two-year water conservation financial assistance pilot program to provide financial assistance to county-owned public water systems to implement water conservation incentive programs.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; County of Maui, Department of Water Supply; City and County of Honolulu, Board of Water Supply; Surfrider Foundation; Nature Conservancy Hawai'i; Hawai'i Green Growth; Hawai'i Community Foundation; Wai Maoli, Hawai'i Fresh Water Initiative; Ulupono Initiative; Maui County Farm Bureau; U.S. Green Building Council, Hawai'i Chapter; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; One World One Water, LLC; and two individuals.

Your Committees find that as an island state, Hawaii has limited access to natural fresh water. Your Committees find that a water conservation program that provides financial assistance to county-owned public water systems and their customers to help implement water conservation measures and practices will reduce



water use or waste. Your Committees further find that water conservation is one of the most cost-effective long-term water supply options for the State.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Establishing the two-year water conservation financial assistance pilot program within each of the four county water supply departments, rather than within the Commission on Water Resource Management, and making conforming amendments;
- (2) Requiring each of the four county water supply departments to report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019, including information as to how funds were spent and the results of the investment;
- (3) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$500,000 per fiscal year for the two-year water conservation financial assistance pilot program; provided that the appropriation is disbursed to each of the four county water supply departments prorated by population and matched by the counties on a dollar-for-dollar basis; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land, Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 635, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 635, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water and Land,
Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs, and Agriculture and
Environment,

Clarence K Nishihara

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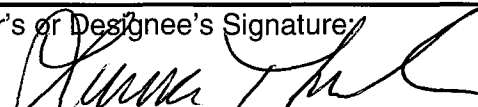
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WTL

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The Recommendation is: <input 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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R.				✓
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOTAL	3	—	—	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	<i>/</i>			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	<i>/</i>			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				<i>/</i>
IHARA, Jr., Les	<i>/</i>			
THIELEN, Laura H.	<i>/</i>			
TOTAL	<i>4</i>			<i>1</i>
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
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