

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 6, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1977
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 1977 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FLOOD MITIGATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to develop a strategic regional flood plan that addresses flood mitigation, flood water retention, and flood diversion, to become effective December 31, 2019, and submit a report of its progress in developing the plan to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2019 Regular Session.

The Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii and two individuals supported this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawaii Emergency Management Agency provided comments.

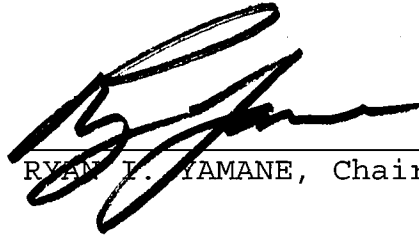
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including catastrophic floods in the issues that the strategic regional flood plan shall address; and
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.



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. 1977, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1977, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Public Safety and Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts.

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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



