

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 8, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2106  
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 Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2106 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require all environmental assessments and environmental impact statements prepared pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to include consideration of sea level rise based on the most recent scientific data available regarding sea level rise.

The Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Americans for Democratic Action Hawaii, Life of the Land, United Planet Faith & Science Initiative, 350Hawaii.org, Sierra Club of Hawai'i, We Are One, Inc., Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, and many individuals supported this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Planning, and Office of Environmental Quality Control provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by requiring the Office of Environmental Quality Control to adopt and maintain rules requiring all environmental assessments and environmental impact statements to include consideration of sea level rise based



on the most recent scientific data available regarding sea level rise rather than amend Chapter 343.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2106, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2106, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy &  
Environmental Protection,



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CHRIS LEE, Chair



