

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 16, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2298
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and
Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 2298 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require, for any proposed action involving construction for which an environmental impact statement has been accepted by an agency but for which construction has not commenced within five years of acceptance of the statement, the developer of the construction project to exercise due diligence with respect to any changes in the community where the project is planned and hold community discussion and feedback sessions to share relevant and new information surrounding the project.

The Cuddle Party supported this measure. Life of the Land, Americans for Democratic Action, Building Industry Association of Hawaii, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, and an individual opposed this measure. The Department of Agriculture, Department of Transportation, and Office of Environmental Quality Control provided comments.

Your Committees respectfully request that the Office of Environmental Quality Control and stakeholders of this measure

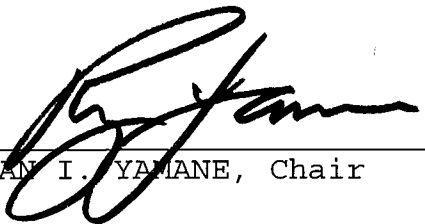


continue to engage in conversation to resolve the issues that this measure addresses.

Your Committees have amended this measure by changing its effective date to January 28, 2045, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2298, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2298, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy &
Environmental Protection and
Water & Land,



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair

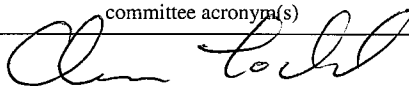


CHRIS LEE, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2298	Committee Referral: EEP/WAL, FIN	Date: 02/14/2018		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	✓			
2. TODD, Chris (VC)	✓			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	✓			
4. KONG, Sam Satoru		✓		
5. LEE, Chris	✓			
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
8. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
TOTAL (8)	7	1	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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