

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 6, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2543
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. 2543 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for an Emergency Management Watershed Team within the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, which shall have the authority to access any state, county, or private real property for the limited purpose of clearing the mouth of certain streams in preparation for the imminent approach of a hurricane.

The Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter and Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu supported this measure. The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency provided comments.

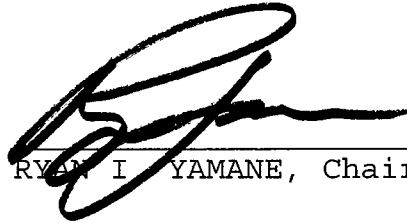
Your Committee notes that the list of streams detailed in this measure are located throughout the State, and not just in one district of the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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. 2543, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2543, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



