

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 14, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2592
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. 2592 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a working group within the Department of the Attorney General to determine the viability and constitutionality of using tax increment financing on the county level to fund incentives for the development of water-related infrastructure projects and other projects to protect state water resources.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Health, Land Use Commission, Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu, Ulupono Initiative, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Sierra Club of Hawaii, and an individual supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

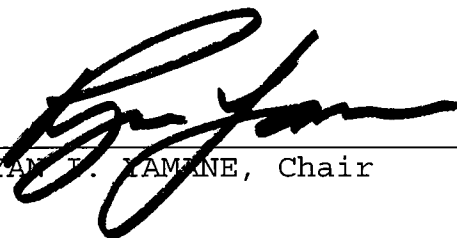
- (1) Changing the membership of the working group to include the Executive Director of the Land Use Commission, rather than the Chair of the Land Use Commission;



- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and consistency.

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. 2592, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2592, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



RYAN F. YAMINE, Chair



