STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii February 8 , 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2612 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. 2612 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to direct and appropriate funds for the Department of Health to conduct a statewide study of sewage contamination in nearshore marine areas.

The University of Hawaii Water Resources Research Center, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, Kokua Hawaii Foundation, and three individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Health provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- Directing the University of Hawaii Water Resources Research Center to conduct the study in cooperation and consultation with the Department of Health;
- (2) Changing the appropriation amount from \$500,000 to an unspecified amount; and



(3) Changing its effective date to January 28, 2045, to facilitate further discussion.

Should the Committee on Finance deliberate on this measure further, your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection respectfully requests that it consider appropriating \$500,000 for the University of Hawaii Water Resources Research Center, in cooperation and consultation with the Department of Health, to conduct a comprehensive statewide study of sewage contamination in nearshore marine areas.

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. 2612, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2612, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Health & Human Services.

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

CHRIS LEE, Chair



State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-ninth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2612	Committee Referral: EEP, HHS, F	IN	Date: 2-6-18	
□ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: □ Pass, unamended (as is) ✓ Pass, with amendments (HD) □ Hold □ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WI	R) Nays	Excused
1. LEE, Chris (C)				
2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (VC)				
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				
4. KONG, Sam Satoru				
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5. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	<u>Mathan in an an Annaich an Annai</u>	<u></u>		
6. TODD, Chris			artin 2011 en	All Carl Street, and a second street and a second
7. YAMANE, Ryan I.				
8. MCDERMOTT, Bob				
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The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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