

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2613
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2613, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR HE'EIA NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support He'eia Estuary in its designation as a national estuarine research reserve by appropriating funds for fiscal year 2018-2019 to maintain the initial staff positions that are necessary to develop and manage the He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve and its programs.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources Aha Moku Advisory Committee, Hawaii Community Development Authority, The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i, Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology of the University of Hawai'i provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2613, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



