

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2653
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 Water & Land and Ocean, Marine Resources,
& Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2653 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL SHORELINE ENCROACHMENT
EASEMENTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support a managed and orderly shoreline retreat strategy in the case of sea level rise by authorizing the Board of Land and Natural Resources to provide qualified coastal landowners of privately owned structures that have become situated on submerged public land with short duration term easements at values determined by the Board to enable those landowners to consider alternatives to ultimately relocate their private structures landward of the sea level rise exposure area.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Planning, Quicksilver Charters, and an individual supported this measure. Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee opposed this measure.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the location where qualified coastal landowners can relocate their private structures to landward of the



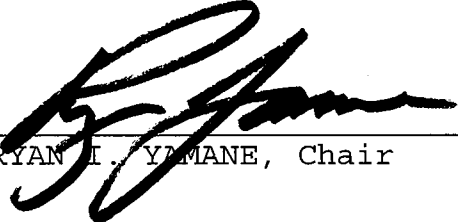
shoreline setback line, as it is defined in Hawaii Revised Statutes;

- (2) Requiring the special shoreline encroachment easements to receive prior authorization of the Legislature by concurrent resolution; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2653, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2653, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Water & Land and Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs,


KANIELA ING, Chair


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