

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 9, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2712
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. 2712 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect the State's underground drinking water sources and surrounding environment by requiring the Department of Health to adopt rules for underground storage tanks, tank systems, and related piping that conform with recent revisions to federal regulations and include additional requirements for certain field-constructed underground storage tanks by a certain date.

The Board of Water Supply, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action, Ka Lahui Hawaii Political Action Committee, Gentlewave Bodywork Referral Inc., Kokua Hawaii Foundation, and numerous concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Health, The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, and several concerned individuals opposed this measure. The Department of the Navy and one concerned individual provided comments.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to January 28, 2045, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee notes that the Board of Water Supply has offered to provide amended language to address the concerns raised by other stakeholders, and has passed this language to your Committee on Health and Human Services to provide an opportunity to evaluate the Board of Water Supply's amended language in the next committee. Your Committee respectfully asks that your Committee on Health and Human Services consider and evaluate the language provided by the Board of Water Supply and determine if further action is appropriate or necessary.

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. 2712, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2712, 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



