

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

460

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2019

RE: S.B. No. 1542
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 1542 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AN APPROPRIATION FOR A KUNIA WELLS IV EXPLORATORY WELL,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriate funds for the design and construction of an exploratory well for the proposed Kunia wells IV pump station.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Local Food Coalition; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; and Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

Your Committees find that Oahu farmers require greater amounts of potable water for irrigation and compliance with federal Food Safety and Modernization Act rules. Your Committees further find that the four exploratory water wells for the proposed Kunia wells IV pump station will provide additional water supply for growth, including diversified agriculture.




Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the purpose section to better reflect the Board of Water Supply proposals regarding the proposed Kunia wells IV pump station;
- (2) Clarifying that the purpose of the proposed Kunia wells IV pump station is to meet future potable water requirements for growth, including diversified agriculture;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of December 31, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1542, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1542, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water and Land
and Agriculture and
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



KAIALI'I KHELE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
AEN

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1542	Committee Referral: WTL/AEN, WAM	Date: 02-11-2019		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	x			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)				x
RHOADS, Karl	x			
THIELEN, Laura H.	x			
FEVELLA, Kurt				x
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes