

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2020

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RE: H.B. No. 1621

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1621 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Honolulu Shoreline Climate Protection Pilot Project, which requires the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to develop a comprehensive plan to protect urban Honolulu and its shoreline from the impacts of climate change, with the goal of using that plan as a model to protect the State's shorelines from coastal disaster events.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Climate Protectors Coalition, Life of the Land, Sierra Club of Hawaii, and two individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission.

Your Committees find that sea level is rising at increasing rates due to global warming of the atmosphere and oceans and the corresponding melting of glaciers and ice sheets. Due to climate change, many communities in Hawaii are exposed to coastal disaster



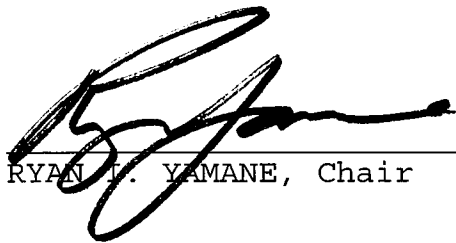
events. By first establishing a comprehensive shoreline protection pilot project for urban Honolulu, which is the most challenging to protect, the project can serve as a model for all communities in the State.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Blanking out the appropriation amount;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1621, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1621, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy &
Environmental Protection and
Water, Land, & Hawaiian
Affairs,



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1621	Committee Referral: EEP/WLH, FIN	Date: 2.6.20		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. WILDBERGER, Tina (VC)	✓			
3. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
4. TARNAS, David A.	✓			
5. TODD, Chris	✓			
6. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
7. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
TOTAL (7)	7	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Tina Wildberger</u>				
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