

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3466

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAY 13 2020

RE: H.B. No. 2624  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2624, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Office of Environmental Quality Control to establish, implement, and maintain an interactive website that is accessible by the public at no cost and provides notification of and opportunity for participation in actions taken pursuant to the State's environmental review process.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from EcoTipping Points Project and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that all parties benefit from public participation and transparency in the planning processes of the State and counties. Your Committee recognizes that the public is often unaware of a pending public work until the opportunity for public comment has passed. This measure supports public participation in public project discussions prior to the determination of an environment assessment or environmental impact statement; thereby fostering greater awareness of and

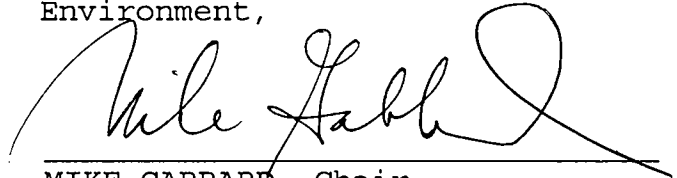


participation in the environmental review process through the use of technology to provide cost-free accessibility.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2020.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2624, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2624, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture and  
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 2624, HDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>03/11/2020</b>		
<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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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