

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2673

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2683
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2683 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEA LEVEL RISE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission and coordinator.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission, IMUAAIiance, Board of Water Supply, and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Office of Planning.

Your Committees find that Hawaii is already experiencing the impacts of climate change, including rising sea levels, extreme tides, accelerated coastal erosion, and stronger, more frequent storms. Even with decisive actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, many of the impacts of climate change are inescapable, and require that the population and environment adapt to them. Your Committees find that the Hawaii climate adaptation initiative was established in 2014 with the purpose of protecting the State's economy, health, environment, and way of life by considering how to best adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change. This measure will appropriate funds to the Climate Change Mitigation



and Adaptation Commission so that they address ways to strengthen Hawaii's overall readiness to face sea level rise and climate change.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

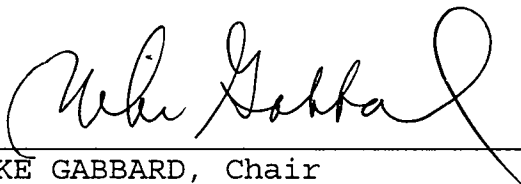
- (1) Incorporating proposed changes from the Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to:
 - (A) Remove language requiring the Commission to conduct an inventory and replace it with language requiring the Commission to bring resources to the various agencies and departments in the form of best practices, formulate guidance, and provide a coordinating structure and timeframe within which to work;
 - (B) Remove language requiring that the Commission identify priority areas throughout the State that will be subject to high rates of coastal erosion and sea level rise, including public infrastructure and private properties;
 - (C) Remove language the requires the Commission to design and propose sea level rise impact zone maps to be adopted by the Legislature and provide a guidepost for future sea level rise adaptation policies and replace it with language requiring the Commission to work with partners to operationalize sea level rise exposure areas into county planning and permitting, and provide a status update in its annual report to the Legislature;
 - (D) Remove language the requires the Commission to work with state and county agencies to develop sea level rise adaptation plans in accordance with the sea level rise vulnerability and adaptation report and replace it with language that requires the Commission to work to enhance, uniformize, and support the work of the state and county agencies in their development of sea level rise adaptation plans utilizing the sea level rise vulnerability and adaptation report; and



- (E) Remove language requiring the Commission to make specific recommendations to the Legislature for policies that may be adopted for managed retreat, relocation of infrastructure, or mitigation measures to minimize the impacts of sea level rise for public infrastructure and private properties, including information regarding how these recommendations may be funded and consideration of sea level rise policies implemented in other states and nations; and
- (2) 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. 2683, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2683, 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

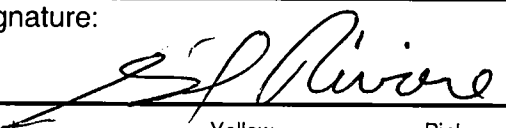


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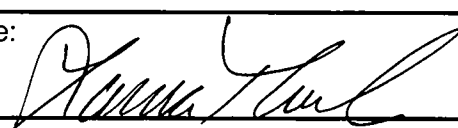
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The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)				X
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
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Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	<			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)				x
RHOADS, Karl	x			
THIELEN, Laura H.	x			
FEVELLA, Kurt	x			
TOTAL	4			1
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