

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2776

S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2776, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Health to expand its brown water advisory-related activities and the Auditor to review the management practices of the Department's Environmental Management Division.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires the Department of Health to:
 - (A) Include in its Hawaii beach monitoring program water quality testing during brown water advisories;
 - (B) Issue health advisories during brown water advisories informing the public of the health risks associated with water runoff; and
 - (C) Establish an Environmental Management Division Oversight Advisory Board to provide to the Environmental Management Division oversight and guidance;



- (2) Requires the Auditor to conduct a performance and management audit of the Environmental Management Division of the Department of Health, with a focus on the Division's Clean Water and Wastewater Branches, and submit a report of its findings and recommendations; and
- (3) Appropriates moneys to the Auditor to conduct the required audit.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Surfrider Foundation, Surfrider Foundation Kauai Chapter, Surfrider Foundation Maui Chapter, Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Office of the Auditor.


Your Committee finds that performing water quality testing and providing information to the public about the health risks of water runoff during brown water advisories will help to protect public health.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2776, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2776, S.D. 2.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
<i>SB 2776, SDI</i>	<i>AEN/GVD, WAM</i>	<i>2/20/20</i>		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil				X
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				X
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	11			2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>[Signature]</i>				
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