

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1250

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 2021

RE: H.B. No. 1280
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 1280, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to transfer operational authority over the Makai Research Pier (Pier) located at the southeast corner of Oahu, from the University of Hawaii to the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA), and authorize general obligation bonds and appropriate funds to repair and upgrade the Pier.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; University of Hawai'i System; Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority; and Makai Ocean Engineering, Inc.

Your Committee finds that the Pier enables local ocean technology companies to create high-paying, highly skilled professional jobs and to expand and diversify Hawaii's economy. According to testimony received by your Committee, this measure would not only allow the Pier to remain operational, but also allow its tenants to continue to compete and win against mainland

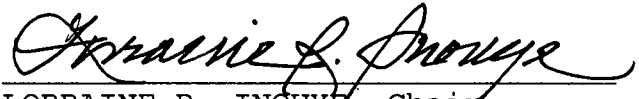


peers in the award of high-quality federal research and development projects.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1280, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1280, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,


LORRAINE R. INOUBE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>HB 1280, HD 2</i>	Committee Referral: <i>WTL, WAM</i>	Date: <i>3/15/21</i>
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	<i>5</i>			

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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