

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12, 2021

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

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

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

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to transfer operational authority over the makai research pier located at the southeast corner of Oahu from the University of Hawaii to the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority and authorize and appropriate funds to upgrade the makai research pier.

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

Your Committee finds that this measure would allow the makai research pier to remain operational and allow the pier's tenants to continue to grow and provide high-paying, rewarding jobs for local residents, as well as provide the State with firms that are leaders in the marine industry.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Providing that the terms of any leases of tenants of the makai research pier located at the southeast corner of Oahu near Makapuu point in effect on the effective date of this measure will remain in full force and effect;
- (2) Changing the amount of the general obligation bonds to a blank amount;
- (3) Making the appropriation for fiscal biennium 2021-2023 rather than fiscal year 2021-2022;
- (4) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that \$5,000,000 in general obligation bonds was authorized to be issued by this measure as introduced. Your Committee also requests that the University of Hawaii and Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii seek the consent of the Board of Land and Natural Resources regarding the transfer of operational authority of the research pier.

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

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



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DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



