

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1656-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31, 2022

RE: H.C.R. No. 70
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 70 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII TO UPGRADE THE CAPACITY OF ITS SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AND REDUNDANCY OF THE COMPONENTS TO ENSURE THAT FINAL EFFLUENT QUALITY IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge Marine Corps Base Hawaii to upgrade the capacity of its sewage treatment plant and redundancy of the components to ensure that final effluent quality is in compliance with state permitting requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from four individuals.

Your Committee finds that Marine Corps Base Hawaii discharges approximately one and a half million gallons of treated wastewater a day into Kailua Bay, which is intensively used by swimmers, paddlers, divers, and surfers. Because the Marine Corps Base Hawaii water reclamation facility infrastructure was originally constructed in 1947 and does not currently include system redundancy to support necessary system maintenance, it is critical that Marine Corps Base Hawaii upgrade its sewage treatment plant

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to ensure that the treated wastewater it discharges complies with the proper regulations and standards.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying certain provisions relating to Marine Corps Base Hawaii;
- (2) Requesting that all Department of Defense installation services in Hawaii seek to migrate from R2 to R1 treatment standards, maximizing irrigation, reducing potable water consumption on military bases, and reducing discharge into Hawaii's waters; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 70, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 70, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,

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FOR _____
NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



