

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2600
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 2600, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Beginning July 1, 2022, prohibit the Department of Health from issuing permits for new large capacity underground storage tank systems located mauka of the underground injection control line; and
- (2) Beginning January 1, 2023, prohibit the operation of, and renewal of permits for, all large capacity underground storage tank systems located mauka of the underground injection control line.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Honolulu Board of Water Supply, Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development, 350Hawaii.org, Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action, Hawaii's Thousand Friends, Sierra Club of Hawai'i, Livable Hawaii Kai Hui, and five individuals.



Your Committee finds that water is a finite and irreplaceable resource that is fundamental to human well-being and is only renewable if well managed. Your Committee further finds that access to clean and safe drinking water is vital for the State's climate resilience and sustainability. One of the most significant threats to the State's drinking water is large capacity underground storage tank systems and their related plumbing components leaking and contaminating potable drinking water aquifers. This measure reduces the risks posed by large capacity underground storage tank systems to the State's drinking water by phasing out permits for and operations of these systems.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the applicable underground injection control program maps are those established by the Department of Health pursuant to the State Drinking Water Regulations; and
- (2) 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 Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2600, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2600, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



