

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2764
S.D. 2
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 Water & Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 2764, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand exclusions from the definition of "development" as it applies to special management areas to reduce the need for special management area permits for certain activities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Transportation, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu, and Planning Department of the County of Hawai'i.

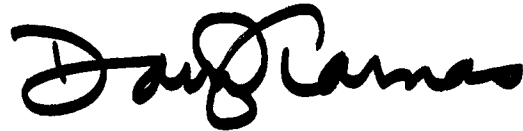
Your Committee finds that the existing law governing special management areas does not exempt actions that are typically conducted by government agencies and conservation organizations for public benefit projects, such as constructing sidewalks, adding bicycle lanes, or controlling invasive vegetation. This measure will support government and private-sector activities that benefit the people of Hawaii by reducing regulatory hurdles for completion of these activities.



Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2764, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2764, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



