

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

236

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 32

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and
Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 32 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INFRASTRUCTURE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require public
water or sewer utilities regulated by the Public Utilities
Commission to consider the disruption to transportation as a
criterion in planning future maintenance.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' Division of Consumer
Advocacy, Public Utilities Commission, and Honolulu Board of Water
Supply.

Your Committees find that it is important to prioritize the
maintenance of utility infrastructure, but such maintenance can
cause significant traffic congestion. The Public Utilities
Commission oversees approximately thirty-nine small private and
wastewater utilities, but does not have statutory oversight over
municipal utilities. Traffic disruption is a criterion of
consequence of pipeline failure in addition to the likelihood of
failure based on historical main breaks and pipeline condition
assessments.

Your Committees have heard the concerns of the Department of
Commerce and Consumer Affairs' Division of Consumer Advocacy that



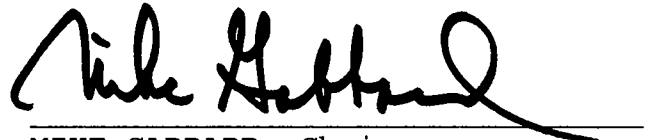
installation, maintenance, and retirement of underground infrastructure, whether regulated by the Public Utilities Commission or a municipal entity, expands beyond public water and sewer utilities and that before conducting any roadwork, utilities must make appropriate arrangements with the relevant county or state agencies that oversee the affected roads. Thus, the Division suggests that rather than limiting the bill to only water and sewer utilities regulated under the Public Utilities Commission, the bill should target agencies that have roadwork permit oversight to improve coordination and minimize disruptions in traffic and transportation. Your Committees recommend that this testimony be considered by the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection as this measure moves forward.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Transportation that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 32 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture and
Environment and Transportation,



CHRIS LEE, Chair




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 32	AEN/TRS, CPN	2/10/2021		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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