

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2234

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 872
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water and Land and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 872 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to add the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, or their designee, as an ex-officio, voting member of the Commission on Water Resource Management to advance the interests of beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and five individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committees find that decisions made by the Commission on Water Resource Management relating to planning, regulation, management, and conservation of water resources in the State shall, to the extent applicable, incorporate and protect adequate reserves of water for current and foreseeable development and use of Hawaiian homelands as set forth by the Hawaiian Homes



Commission Act. In 2014, the Hawaiian Homes Commission approved a Water Policy Plan which includes the goal to "aggressively, proactively, consistently, and comprehensively advocate for the kuleana of the beneficiaries, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and the Hawaiian Homes Commission to water before all relevant agencies and entities." To allow for greater collaboration between the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Commission on Water Resource Management, this measure expands the membership of the Commission on Water Resource Management to include the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission or the Chairperson's designee.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:


- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land and Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 872, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 872, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water and Land
and Hawaiian Affairs,



MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair




LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
HWN

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 872	Committee Referral: WTL/HWN, JDC	Date: 2/4/2022		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)				✓
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt		✓		
TOTAL	3	1	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes