

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3668

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR - 4 2022

RE: S.C.R. No. 199
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 199 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF
PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES FORESTRY AND
WILDLIFE DIVISION AND COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF WAIAHOLE STREAM, IDENTIFY
JURISDICTIONAL OBSTACLES TO COORDINATED STREAM MAINTENANCE,
AND OFFER RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE STREAM MAINTENANCE AND
FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION POLICIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, in consultation
with the Department of Land and Natural Resources Forestry and
Wildlife Division and Commission on Water Resource Management, to
conduct a study of Waiahole Stream that:

- (1) Identifies jurisdictional obstacles to coordinated
stream maintenance; and
- (2) Offers recommendations to improve stream maintenance and
flood hazard mitigation policies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Ko'olau Foundation and two individuals. Your Committee



received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Commission on Water Resource Management, and Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Your Committee finds that stream maintenance and flood hazard mitigation are important issues facing the Waiahole Valley community. The Waiahole Stream plays a critical role in the ecological, socioeconomic, and material well-being of the communities of Waiahole Valley. Currently, state and City and County of Honolulu laws exist specifically to address stream maintenance, which if followed would alleviate some challenges from flooding due to debris blockage of stream channels. However, jurisdictional and landowner challenges impede efforts to engage in proactive stream maintenance that may prevent destructive, significant flood hazards. To navigate jurisdictional challenges, while protecting the Waiahole Valley community from flood hazards, a collaborative, multi-agency study may provide solutions to ensure the safety of Waiahole Valley residents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding the City and County of Honolulu as a consulting agency for the study;
- (2) Amending its title accordingly; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 199, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 199, S.D. 1.

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


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	5			

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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