

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3669

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR - 4 2022

RE: S.R. No. 192
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.R. No. 192 entitled:

"SENATE 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. Your Committee received comments on



this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

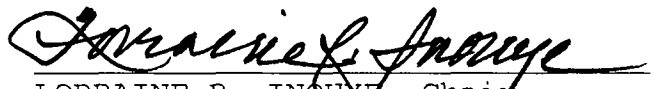
Your Committee finds that stream maintenance and flood hazard mitigation are important issues facing the Waiahole Valley community. The Waiahole Stream plays a critical role in the ecological, socioeconomic, and material well-being of the communities of Waiahole Valley. Currently, state and City and 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.R. No. 192, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 192, S.D. 1.

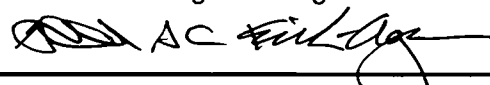
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,


LORRAINE R. INOUÉ, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SR 192	Committee Referral: WTL	Date: 3/20/22		
<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
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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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