

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **1766**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30

, 2023

RE: H.C.R. No. 94

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 94 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PRIORITIZE TESTING AND RESEARCH OF BEACH SAND CONTAMINATION LEVELS AT POKAI BAY AND REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO PRIORITIZE RENOVATIONS OF THE RESTROOM FACILITIES AT POKAI BAY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Request the Department of Health to prioritize testing and research of beach sand contamination levels at Pokai Bay; and
- (2) Request the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Parks and Recreation to prioritize renovations of the restroom facilities at Pokai Bay.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that over the last decade, beach goers and community members have reported the presence of health and

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environmental hazards at Pokai Bay, stemming from industrial pollutants washed from local surface streets, parking lots, and sidewalks. Your Committee further finds that a 2015 study conducted by the University of Hawai'i at Manoa's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering found that Pokai Bay's beach sand holds more fecal indicator bacteria than seawater, indicating that the beach sand at Pokai Bay may be retaining pollutants from the area's restroom facilities. This measure is intended to improve the health and safety of beach goers at Pokai Bay by requesting the Department of Health to prioritize testing and research of fecal indicator bacteria levels and any other pollutants of the beach sand at Pokai Bay.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 94 and recommends its adoption.

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

FOR



LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 94	Committee Referral: WAL	Date: 3/20/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ICHIYAMA, Linda (C)	✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. CHUN, Cory M.	✓			
4. GANADEN, Sonny	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
8. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
TOTAL (8)	8	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Linda Schizome</u>				
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