

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1771

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 , 2023

RE: H.R. No. 127  
H.D. 1

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.R. No. 127 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS REGARDING FUGITIVE DUST,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Health to take certain actions regarding fugitive dust.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that many acres of former agricultural land in Hawaii have become vacant and during windy conditions, large dust storms arise from these lands, causing damage to the environment and harming the health of residents who live downwind. Your Committee further finds, however, that the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, instead of the Department of Health, may be better suited to perform the actions proposed in this measure.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Urging the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, rather than the



Department of Health, to take certain actions regarding fugitive dust, including reviewing calculations for dust impacts during fallow periods of crop production and recommending best practices to minimize impacts to downwind communities;

- (2) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose;
- (3) Modifying the list of recipients of certified copies of the measure in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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.R. No. 127, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 127, H.D. 1.

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.: <b>HR127</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WAL</b>	Date: <b>3/28/23</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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	/			
<b>TOTAL (8)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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: <i>Linda Ichizawa</i>				
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