

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2023

RE: S.B. No. 1066
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 1066 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FRESH WATER SECURITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish within the Department of Land and Natural Resources a water security working group to study and recommend priority capital improvement projects for legislative consideration that leverage public-private investment to increase Hawaii's water security.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Ulupono Initiative, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that over a century ago, Hawaii's plantation agricultural enterprises supported and created water infrastructure. Your Committee further finds that while those historic investments established the water infrastructure that is used today, the industry has since left the State along with the money necessary to maintain it. Your Committee also finds that new and innovative investment partnerships and community engagement are needed to mobilize large-scale investment in Hawaii's fresh water security. This will require partners from multiple sectors, including the county, state, and federal governments, as well as private philanthropic and corporate



entities, to work together to leverage funds and provide matching opportunities. Therefore, this measure establishes within the Department of Land and Natural Resources a water security working group to study and recommend priority capital improvement projects for legislative consideration that leverage public-private investment to increase Hawaii's water security.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Land and Natural Resources to include in its study and report to the Legislature funding and financing strategies for each recommended project;
- (2) Adding to the working group the Administrator of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, or Administrator's designee, and the Deputy Director of the Department of Health, or Deputy Director's designee;
- (3) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose;
- (4) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1066, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1066, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

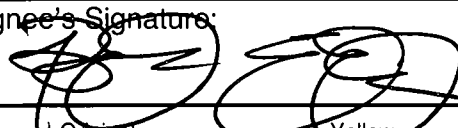
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1066	WTL, WAM	02/13/2023		
<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
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	ϕ	ϕ	ϕ
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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