

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1681

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2023

RE: S.C.R. No. 35

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 35 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAI'I COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCREASING WATER ACCESS AND STRENGTHENING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES ON HAWAI'I ISLAND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Hawaii County Department of Water Supply to convene a working group to examine opportunities for increasing water access and strengthening water infrastructure for underserved communities on Hawaii island.

Your Committee received no testimony on this measure.

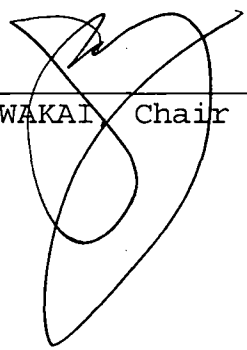
Your Committee finds that a lack of access to a consistent water supply prevents the development of basic infrastructure in rural and remote areas, such as the establishment of public schools, medical and community health centers, grocery stores, and financial institutions. To address these issues, the Hawaii County Department of Water Supply launched the Hawaiian Ocean View Estates Water Facilities Project in Ocean View in 2012, which involved the construction of a standpipe well for the community. Despite the establishment of the well, water access remains a significant challenge for residents of Ocean View, Milolii, and



neighboring communities, most of whose residents continue to rely on catchment systems. This measure will help to increase water access and strengthen water infrastructure for underserved communities on Hawaii Island.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 35 and recommends its adoption.

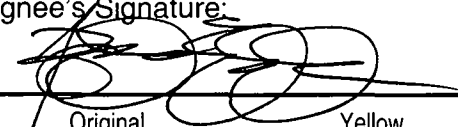
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety and  
Intergovernmental and Military  
Affairs,

  
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GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SCR 35</b>	Committee Referral: <b>PSM</b>	Date: <b>3/31/23</b>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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