

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01, 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1691
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1691, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require newly installed or modified individual wastewater systems that are near the shoreline, or likely to pollute groundwater, to include denitrification capacity.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Friends of Hanauma Bay; Big Island Reef Keepers Hui; Kauhakō 'Ohana Association; Hawaii Marine Education and Research Center; Terraformation; Ocean Preservation Society; Keiko Conservation; WAI: Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health; University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program; and University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Water Resources Research Center.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your



Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1691, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



