

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14, 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2453
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Water & Land and Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2453 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER INFRASTRUCTURE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Director of Health to transfer federal capitalization grant funds between the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Loan Fund pursuant to federal regulations.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and Ulupono Initiative. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committees find that combining financial resources from the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Loan Fund and the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund will increase state and county flexibility in planning for and responding to emergent or long-term water infrastructure needs.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and




- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Energy & Environmental Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2453, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2453, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Water & Land and Energy & Environmental Protection,



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair



