

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 15, 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2466
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 Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 2466 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC LAND LIABILITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Abolish the Task Force on Beach and Water Safety and the Risk Assessment Working Group; and
- (2) Require the design and placement of warning signs, devices, and systems to be approved by the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources for state beach parks and the county mayors for county beach parks.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Task Force on Beach and Water Safety and the Risk Assessment Working Group have not assembled for over fifteen years and are now defunct and no longer necessary to effectuate proper warnings of dangers at public beach parks and



on improved public lands. This measure will provide the Department of Land and Natural Resources with more time and resources to manage, maintain, and improve the design and placement of warning signs, devices, or systems at public beach parks and on improved public lands.

Your Committee has 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 record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2466, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2466, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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


LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair



