

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1475
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. 1475 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to create a strategic plan for maintenance dredging of important port and harbor locations and report the plan to the Legislature; and
- (2) Require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to complete a minimum of two projects identified in the strategic plan.

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

Your Committee finds that maintenance dredging is critical to the maintenance of small boat harbors, channels, ramps, and other port infrastructure in the State. However, under the current system, the necessary funding and permitting for maintenance dredging are not secured until the need for dredging becomes critical. Your Committee finds that this disorganized process can exacerbate the poor conditions at small boat harbors, allowing



marine sediment and foreign debris to accumulate to shallow depths that can damage the hulls of ships or cause a shutdown of the affected sites, which are important for recreation and subsistence fishing and use by the general public.

Your Committee finds that creating a strategic plan for maintenance dredging of small boat harbors, channels, ramps, and other port infrastructure in the State will spread resources based on actual need and allow ample time for permitting and public input before port infrastructure reaches a critical need. Therefore, this measure requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to create a strategic plan for maintenance dredging of important port and harbor locations, report the plan to the Legislature, and require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to complete a minimum of two projects identified in the strategic plan.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a blank appropriation amount for maintenance dredging; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion;

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. 1475, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1475, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

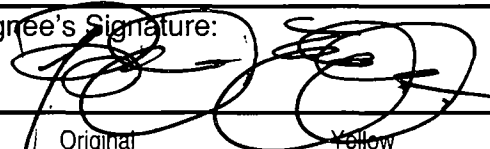
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1475	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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