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Honolulu, Hawaii **FEB 1 1** , 2025 RE: H.B. No. 510 H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 510 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DECLARATION OF WATER SHORTAGE AND EMERGENCY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the conditions, manner, and areas in which the Commission on Water Resource Management can declare and provide notice of water shortages and emergencies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Honolulu Board of Water Supply. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that the Commission on Water Resource Management (Commission) is tasked with formulating water shortage plans and adopting a reasonable system of permits to properly plan for future water shortages. Your Committee further finds that existing law does not allow the Commission to declare a water shortage in non-designated water management areas. As water shortages affect all users in a region, your Committee believes that it is vital to allow the Commission to respond to conditions



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anywhere in the State that threaten the State's water supply when issuing water shortage and emergency declarations.

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. 510, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 510, 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,



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 510	Committee Referral: WAV, JHA		Date: 21612025	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HASHEM, Mark J. (C)				
2. LAMOSAO, Rachele F. (VC)			10, 11900 () () ()	
3. BELATTI, Della Au				
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda			end 2 Seal Th	
5. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco			- 1860 - 120	
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6. MORIKAWA, Dee			MT.SS 94 GA	<u>uztru u Ates de Canes</u>
7. POEPOE, Mahina				
8. WOODSON, Justin H.				
9. SHIMIZU, Garner M.				
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10. SOUZA, Kanani				
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The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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