

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1146
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Higher Education and Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 1146 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ALA WAI CANAL,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii to:

- (1) Develop an action plan and pre-engineering concept plan to help with debris management and quality control issues in the Ala Wai watershed; and
- (2) Establish two graduate assistant positions to assist with the action plan and pre-engineering concept plan.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, University of Hawai'i System, and numerous individuals.

Your Committees find that floating debris in the Ala Wai Canal has been a persistent problem, harming recreational users and the State's aquatic and nearshore habitats. Your Committees further find that restoration efforts generally occur on the makai side of the Ala Wai Canal. However, heavy rain events further inland cause debris from streams and tributaries to wash into the canal. Your Committees also find that the University of Hawaii



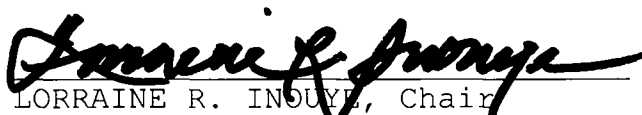
possesses the expertise to assist the Division of Ocean and Boating Recreation of the Department of Land and Natural Resources with debris management and water quality control in the Ala Wai watershed. This measure appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii to develop plans to holistically address the challenges facing the Ala Wai Canal and watershed.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 31, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education and Water and Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1146, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1146, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Higher Education
and Water and Land,


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair


DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Higher Education
HRE

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 1146	HRE/WTL, WAM	2/12/2025
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	✓	
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓	
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓	
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓	
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓	
TOTAL	5	
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 		
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <div>Distribution:</div> <div>Original</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>Pink</div> <div>Goldenrod</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: x-small;"> <div>File with Committee Report</div> <div>Clerk's Office</div> <div>Drafting Agency</div> <div>Committee File Copy</div> </div>		

*Only one measure per Record of Votes

Record of Votes
Committee on Water and Land
WTL

*Only one measure per Record of Votes