

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 168

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 168 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A WATER ACCESS PILOT PROJECT DEMONSTRATING THE KOHALA REGION'S CAPACITY FOR A POTABLE WATER SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to develop and implement a water access pilot project demonstrating the Kohala region's capacity for a potable water system.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that increased access to safe drinking water and water for agricultural use is a matter of great importance to the State, and particularly to rural island communities. Your Committee further finds that the Kohala region on Hawaii Island, which is owned by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, is an ideal location for the construction of a water pump storage hydroelectric facility, which would provide a source of potable water, water for irrigation, and reduce energy costs in



the region. Accordingly, this measure requests the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to implement a water access pilot project to demonstrate that the Kohala mountains are an appropriate site for a new potable water system to serve the people of the area.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 168 and recommends its adoption.

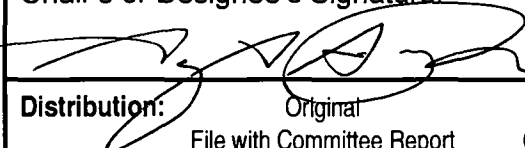
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

  
HERBERT M. RICHARDS, III, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**  
**HWN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SCR 168</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HWN</b>	Date: <b>April 1, 2025</b>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (C)	/			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (VC)	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les	/			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	/			
DECORTE, Samantha			/	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>1</b>	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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