

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1402

Honolulu, Hawaii
MAR 20, 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1146
S.D. 1
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 S.B.
No. 1146, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the
University of Hawai'i to:

- (1) Develop an action plan and pre-engineering concept plan
to help with debris management and water quality control
issues in the Ala Wai watershed;
- (2) Establish two graduate assistant positions to assist
with the action plan and pre-engineering concept plan;
and
- (3) Provide partial summer overload support for faculty
mentors providing oversight of the student project
teams.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawai'i System; Department of Land and
Natural Resources; Waikiki Neighborhood Board; Waikiki Beach
Special Improvement District Association; and three individuals.

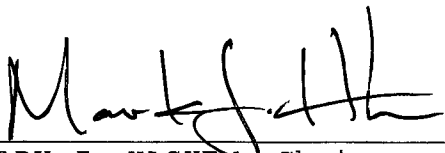


Your Committee finds that the Ala Wai watershed is a critical component of Hawaii's ecosystem and a natural resource that provides access and recreational opportunities for local residents and visitors. Your Committee further finds that floating debris in the Ala Wai canal have been a persistent problem that severely harms recreational users and aquatic habitats in the State's nearshore waters. The development of an action plan and pre-engineering concept to address debris accumulation and management and water quality in the Ala Wai canal is a vital step in protecting the State's natural resources.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$125,000.

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 S.B. No. 1146, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

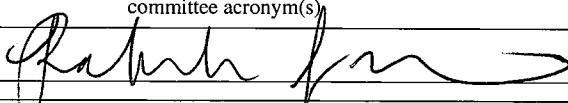
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water & Land,



MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: SB 1146 ODI HDI		Committee Referral: HED, WAL, PIN		Date: 3/18/25	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> 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)		✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au		✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda		✓			
5. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco		✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee		✓			
7. POEPOE, Mahina		✓			
8. WOODSON, Justin H.					✓
9. SHIMIZU, Garner M.		✓			
10. SOUZA, Kanani		✓			
TOTAL (10)		9	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center;"> <small>committee acronym(s)</small> </div>					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 					
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