

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

975

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1439
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 1439, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NUISANCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify that the Department of Health (DOH) has the legal authority and obligation to prevent and address nuisances that affect environmental health or public health, or both.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition and Climate Protectors Hawai'i.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the health of a community is closely tied to environmental conditions. Nuisances that threaten environmental health, such as vector-borne diseases, flooding, and wildfires, also have the potential to adversely affect human health. Therefore, for the DOH to fully address the well-being of the State's population, it must also address nuisances to environmental health. This measure affirms the DOH's responsibility under existing law to protect the overall wellness



of the State's communities by clarifying that the DOH's oversight includes nuisances that threaten environmental health.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1439, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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| Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 1439, SDI</i> | Committee Referral: <i>HHS, JDC</i> | Date: <i>2/26/25</i> |
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

| Members | Aye | Aye (WR) | Nay | Excused |
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| RHOADS, Karl (C) | ✓ | | | |
| GABBARD, Mike (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| CHANG, Stanley | ✓ | | | |
| SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. | ✓ | | | |
| AWA, Brenton | | | | ✓ |
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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