

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1602
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1602 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KEAUAHOU AQUIFER SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the Keauhou Aquifer System Monitoring Program and fund the installation of two monitoring wells in the Keauhou Aquifer System.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority, The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds the Keauhou Aquifer System sustains local communities, ecosystems, and cultural practices. The balance between development and resource sustainability remains a key issue, as stakeholders seek to ensure long-term water availability while preserving the area's environment and culture. Your Committee further finds that monitoring the aquifer will support ongoing efforts to manage the aquifer system responsibly and effectively.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



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

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1602, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1602, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 1602</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">WTL, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2-19-2025</div>		
<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-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <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)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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