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H.B. NO. 2965

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Review Commission on the State Water Code.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Act 45, Session Laws of Hawaii 1987, is amended by amending subsection (a) of Section 5 to read as follows:

“(a) There is established within the legislative reference bureau for administrative purposes a review commission on the state water code consisting of [seven] nine members appointed by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives[.]; provided that of the nine members, at least two members shall be residents of the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, or Maui. The review commission shall be directly accountable to the legislature. The review commission shall perform a comprehensive review of the state water code and the development of recommendations for its improvement. The review shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) [all] All water issues addressed in the state water code;
- (2) [other] Other water matters of fundamental importance which should be dealt with in a state water code, but which have not yet been incorporated, such as the identification and definition of public and private rights to waters, the institution of a comprehensive statewide permit system to regulate all types and uses of water, the integration of water quality and water quantity matters for a unified management of the resource by a single lead agency; and
- (3) [the] The appropriate agencies of the state and county levels responsible for protecting, developing, and controlling water, their aims

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and objectives, the necessary powers to be conferred upon them, and their organizational support.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 8, 1994.)