

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1532

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1020
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

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 H.B. No. 1020, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A PROGRAM TO CHARACTERIZE CARBON SEQUESTRATION POTENTIAL AND UNDERGROUND WATER RESOURCES STATEWIDE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a carbon sequestration and underground water resource characterization program that identifies the location and characteristics of underground water and carbon sequestration resources across the State.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii State Energy Office; Coalition Earth; Sustainable Energy Hawaii; Ulupono Initiative; Waika Consulting; and six individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that obtaining a better understanding of carbon sequestration potential and the location and temperature of underground water resources across the State can have numerous



benefits for agriculture, clean energy, and land use. Your Committee further finds that this scientific exploration should be conducted responsibly with a statewide environmental assessment of a slim-hole exploration program, and with robust community engagement.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adding the phrase "and geothermal exploration" to all instances where the phrase "carbon sequestration and underground water" is mentioned in the measure.

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 H.B. No. 1020, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1020, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

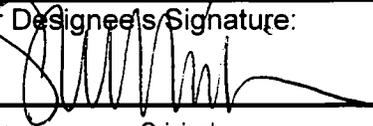
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB1020 HD1 SD1	EIG / AGN, WAM	3/31/2026		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
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			
INOUYE, 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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