

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1396

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 20, 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1318

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and  
Water & Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 1318 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER POLLUTION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend section 200-14,  
Hawaii Revised Statutes, to repeal duplicative language regarding  
penalties for water pollution offenses and clarify that  
enforcement of criminal water pollution offenses remains under the  
jurisdiction of the Department of Health, rather than the  
Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Health;  
and Department of Land and Natural Resources.

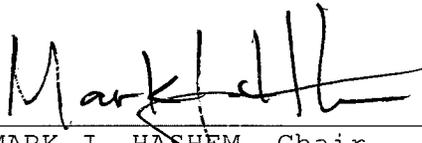
Your Committees find that Act 215, Session Laws of Hawaii  
2024 (Act 215), made clarifications to section 200-14, Hawaii  
Revised Statutes, regarding criminal and administrative penalties  
for offenses relating to ocean recreation. Your Committees  
recognize that by attempting to criminalize violations of  
Department of Land and Natural Resources' rules, Act 215  
established penalties that conflict with existing penalties under  
section 342D-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes. This measure eliminates  
the conflicting language and clarifies that the stricter penalties  
of these water pollution offenses would apply.

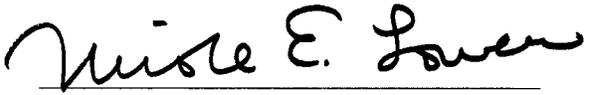
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As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1318 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Energy &  
Environmental Protection and  
Water & Land,

  
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MARK J. HASHEM, Chair

  
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NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair





