

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1634

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 Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 1634 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the issuance of \$20,000,000 in general obligation bonds to the City and County of Honolulu for the planning, design, and construction of two groundwater aquifer monitoring wells.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and 350Hawaii.org.

Your Committee finds that multiple recent releases of jet fuel and other chemicals from the United States Department of the Navy's Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility have negatively impacted the environment and the safety of drinking water in the City and County of Honolulu. A Department of Health analysis showed that the fuel contamination could travel away from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility toward different geological locations, including existing Honolulu Board of Water Supply wells. This measure is necessary to address any threats to the public health and environment of the State by constructing monitoring wells to assess any immediate and future risks and to



inform trend and directional analyses necessary for any remediation planning.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the purpose of the general obligation bonds to fund the planning, design, and construction of up to six, rather than two, groundwater aquifer monitoring wells, including the establishment of a sentinel monitoring grid;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of May 13, 2040, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1634, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1634, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy and
Intergovernmental Affairs,

GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB1434</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">EIG, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2/11/25</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-around; 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
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
DECOITE, Lynn	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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