

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1047

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 28 2025**

RE: S.B. No. 867  
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 S.B. No. 867, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ensure that adequate water resources exist for affordable housing development.

Specifically, the measure establishes a working group that shall:

- (1) Be placed in the Office of the Governor for administrative purposes;
- (2) Ascertain and address state watershed management to enable the development and construction of affordable housing projects across the State; and
- (3) Submit an interim report and final report to the Legislature.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Board of Water Supply of the City and County of Honolulu, and one individual.



Your Committee finds that the development of potable water systems affects housing development statewide, as both new and existing housing development projects are dependent upon water availability. Your Committee believes that this measure will both advance the conservation of natural resources and address the need for water resources for affordable housing development.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 867, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 867, S.D. 2.

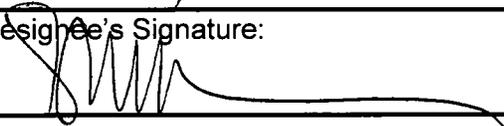
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB867 ED1	HOU/WTL, WAM	2-26-2025		
<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			
<b>TOTAL</b>	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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