

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2076

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 14 , 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 118  
S.D. 1

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 118, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF ALLOWING BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE STATE TO UTILIZE FILTERED WATER COLLECTED BY WATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS FOR BUSINESS ACTIVITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Health to convene a working group to assess the feasibility of allowing business owners in the State to utilize filtered water collected by water catchment systems for business activities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Department of Agriculture; Honolulu Board of Water Supply; Department of Water Supply for the County of Hawai'i; and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that there is a growing need to address the fragility of the State's underground aquifers, which take decades to naturally replenish and are susceptible to chemical spills and leaks, droughts, and commercial overuse. Your Committee further finds that although many of Hawaii's residents

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use rainwater catchment for their primary domestic water sources, existing law limits the use of captured water for personal uses only and prohibits its use in business activities. This measure would examine the feasibility of allowing business owners to use filtered water collected by catchment systems for business activities, which could allow the State to supplement its existing water infrastructure and reduce the strain on the State's aquifers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 118, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,



Handwritten signature of Gregg Takayama, written in black ink over a horizontal line.

REGG TAKAYAMA, Chair



