Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 11 2006

RE: S.R. No. 78

S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda President of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture, to which was referred S.R. No. 78, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND, AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO RECOMMEND SOLUTIONS TO ABATE AND PREVENT THE ACCUMULATION OF SEDIMENT AT WAILOA SMALL BOAT HARBOR AND ALONG HILO BAYFRONT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Land and Natural Resources to recommend solutions to abate and prevent the accumulation of sediment at Wailoa Small Boat Harbor and along Hilo Bayfront.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by eleven individuals. Comments were also submitted by the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the Wailoa River discharges into Hilo Bay and is one of the major sources of sediment in the bay. The movement of water from the river is generally insufficient to flush out silt and mud. Thus, Wailoa River and Hilo Bay are both subject to chronic nonpoint source pollution with high bacterial counts. This measure requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources to recommend solutions to abate and prevent the accumulation of sediment at Wailoa Small Boat Harbor and along Hilo Bayfront.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Land and Natural Resources has requested an emergency appropriation of \$1,200,000 to dredge the Wailoa Small Boat Harbor channel, and your Committee further finds that long-term abatement of the sediment in this area should be addressed by the Department of Health and the County of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 78, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture,

RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Water, Land and Agriculture (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SR78 SDI TEO, WA 4/1/06 The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: The Recommendation is to:									
					Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit (2312) (2311) (2310) (2313)				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:									
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^{*}Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.