

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Aj-13, 2007

RE: H.R. No. 130
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and
Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was
referred H.R. No. 130 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING A LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING ON THE
COUNTIES' WASTEWATER PROBLEMS AND ISSUES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this House resolution is to increase the
Legislature's awareness and knowledge regarding the wastewater
collection, treatment, and disposal systems of the counties by
requesting the House Committees on Energy & Environmental
Protection and Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs to
jointly schedule a briefing on the counties' wastewater problems
and issues.

The Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu testified and
requested amendments to this resolution.

Your Committees find that if the United States Environmental
Protection Agency (EPA) denies the City and County of Honolulu
(C&C's) request for 301(h) waivers, Honouliuli Wastewater
Treatment Plant and Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant are
faced with major improvement projects. The EPA has issued a
tentative waiver denial for the Honouliuli Plant and is expected
to deny the waiver request for the Sand Island Plant. Denials
would require over a billion dollars to be spent for improvements
to met EPA requirements and DOH's water quality standards. C&C has

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been working earnestly and in good faith with EPA and DOH to settle the disputes in a manner that will allow C&C to pursue a prudent and reasonable course of action to resolve C&C's long-standing wastewater challenges.

Your Committees find that the complexity and magnitude of the wastewater problems facing C&C would best be resolved by a global settlement between the regulators and C&C, as opposed to time consuming and costly litigation. A global settlement approach has also been encouraged by Hawaii's Congressional Delegation. Accordingly, your Committees have amended this House resolution by substituting its contents with, among other things:

- (1) A title that reads as follows:

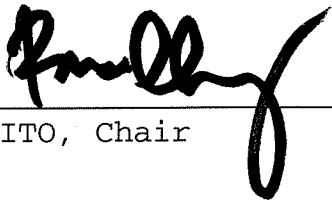
"REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PURSUE A GLOBAL SETTLEMENT OF OUTSTANDING WASTEWATER ISSUES WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU";

- (2) Background information that supports the request for a global settlement; and
- (3) A directive to transmit the amended resolution to the Governor, Director of Health, Regional Administrator of Region IX of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and members of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 130, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 130, H.D. 1.



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

for: 
KEN ITO, Chair


for HERMINA MORITA, Chair



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Committee Referral: EEP /WLH		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Hold		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration		
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MORITA, Hermina M. (C)	✓			
2. CARROLL, Mele (VC)	✓			
3. CHONG, Pono	✓			
4. ITO, Ken	✓			
5. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	✓			
6. SAGUM, Roland D., III	✓			
7. SAIKI, Scott K.				✓
8. THIELEN, Cynthia		✓		
TOTAL	6	1	0	1
The recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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Committee Referral: <div style="text-align: center;">EEP/WLH</div>		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Hold </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration </div> </div>				
WLH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ITO, Ken (C)	✓			
2. CHONG, Pono (VC)	✓			
3. CARROLL, Mele	✓			
4. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	✓			
5. MORITA, Hermina M.	✓			
6. SAGUM, Roland D., III	✓			
7. SAIKI, Scott K.				✓
8. THIELEN, Cynthia		✓		
TOTAL	6	1	0	1
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