STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2129

Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: S.C.R. No. 118

S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 118, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 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, AND URGING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO RENEW THE 301(H) WAIVERS FOR THE HONOULIULI AND SAND ISLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Request the United States Environmental Protection
 Agency and the State Department of Health to enter into
 a global settlement of all issues facing the City and
 County of Honolulu with respect to improvements to its
 wastewater system; and
- (2) Urge the Environmental Protection Agency to grant section 301(h) waivers for the Honouliuli and Sand Island wastewater treatment plants allowing the plants to continue providing primary rather than secondary treatment of wastewater.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Water Environment Association and comments from Hawaii Pacific Engineers, Inc.

Your Committee finds that, after many years of neglect, the present City and County of Honolulu administration is undertaking the monumental task of accelerating urgently needed improvements to its wastewater collection system, including six major force mains, the need of which was disastrously evidenced by the recent force main failure in Waikiki. The city administration has already committed almost \$1,000,000,000 for improvements to its sewer collection and treatment system, most of the cost of which will be borne by residents of the city through increased sewer fees.

Making matters worse, the Environmental Protection Agency is tentatively considering the denial of section 301(h) waivers for the Honouliuli and Sand Island wastewater treatment plants, requiring the upgrade of the plants to require the provision of secondary rather than primary treatment of wastewater. The city administration and many local wastewater experts do not believe that the expensive upgrade of the present primary treatment of wastewater to secondary treatment is warranted. Further, such an upgrade could cost an additional \$1,200,000,000 to already burdened city residents.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection 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 the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection,

MUL CONSULTA, Chair

WHERMINA MORITA, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.:	Date:			
SCR 118 SD1		4-19-20	7	
Committee Referral:	☐ The committee is reconsidering its			
EEP,FIN	previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	☐ Pass, with amendments			
' □ Hold	Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration			
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MORITA, Hermina M. (C)	<u> </u>			
2. CARROLL, Mele (VC)	√			
3. CHONG, Pono				
4. ITO, Ken	/			
5. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.				
6. SAGUM, Roland D., III	✓			
7. SAIKI, Scott K.	1.444			
8. THIELEN, Cynthia				V
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TOTAL	5	0	0	3
The recommendation is:				
☐ Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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