

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 17, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2040

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water & Land and Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2040 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER SECURITY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a two-year pilot program for a Water Security Advisory Group in the Department of Land and Natural Resources that enables public-private partnerships by providing matching funds for projects that increase water security.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Fresh Water Initiative, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Surfrider Foundation, and a few individuals provided testimony in support of the measure.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Energy & Environmental Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2040 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



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



CHRIS LEE, Chair



BRIAN Y. YAMANE, Chair



