

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2646
H.D. 2
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2646, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a fuel tank advisory committee to study issues related to leaks of certain fuel storage tanks throughout the State.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Health, City and County of Honolulu Board of Water Supply, Conservation Council for Hawaii, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the leakage of fuel from underground storage tanks is a matter of statewide concern. Fuel that leaks from storage tanks can contaminate groundwater that is used for human consumption and cause significant damage to the environment. Issues surrounding leaking fuel storage tanks are numerous and cannot be adequately addressed by a temporary committee. Your Committee believes that establishing an advisory committee in statute ensures that issues relating to fuel tank leaks are addressed now and in the future, and further demonstrates the State's commitment to preserving the safety of Hawaii's drinking water supply.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Clarifying that certain persons shall be invited, rather than required, to participate on the advisory committee as ex officio members;
- (2) Inserting an unspecified appropriation to be expended by the Department of Health for the fuel tank advisory committee; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As this measure advances through the legislative process, your Committee requests the Department of Health to recommend an appropriation amount necessary to implement this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2646, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2646, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2646, HD2, SD1	Committee Referral: EET/CPH, WAM	Date: 4/4/16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	10			1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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