

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 525

S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.B.
No. 525 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON WATER
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the
Commission on Water Resource Management to consist of at least one
member representing each county who is a resident of that county.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Hunting Association; The Society for Hawaii
Heritage Animals; Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce; and three
individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to
this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and
one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure
from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Land and Natural
Resources testimony in opposition was based on the concern that
the requirement concerning geographical representation in this
measure would come at the expense of the requirement that all
Commissioners have substantial experience in water management.
The Department of Land and Natural Resources' representative at
the hearing, who has been employed by the Commission on Water
Resource Management since 1989, acknowledged that a number of
Commissioners have lived on the neighbor islands and served with
distinction.



Your Committee agrees that it is critical for members of the Commission on Water Resource Management to have substantial experience in the area of water resource management, but felt that it is possible to find such members on each of the various islands of the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Commission on Water Resource Management to consist of at least one member representing each county who is a resident of that county and who also has substantial experience in the area of water resource management;
- (2) Clarifying that geographic appointments to the Commission on Water Resource Management shall be phased in as vacancies occur; and
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 525, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 525, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

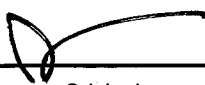


LAURA H. THIELEN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 525</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">WTL, NAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">02.04.15</div>		
<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
THIELEN, Laura H. (C)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4			3
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: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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