

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **251**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2015

RE: S.B. No. 718
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. 718 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LAHAINA FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and to appropriate funds for the Lahaina flood control project as a match to an appropriation by the County of Maui of not less than \$2,540,000 or twenty percent of the estimated cost of the project.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that public safety continues to be a major priority for the State and that the completion of the final stage of the Lahaina flood control project will help prevent stormwater from inundating major portions of Lahaina town. The final stage of the project consists of constructing a mile-long diversion channel, incorporating four sediment basins, and a debris basin. The flood control project will reduce the amount of sediment discharged into the ocean and on coral reefs, protecting these fragile ecosystems and preserving Hawaii's reputation as a top tourist destination.

The intent of your Committee is to reduce the repetitive flooding of residents and businesses in Lahaina and to reduce the

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constant drain on city, state, and federal resources whenever a flood occurs by securing funds, as a match to an appropriation by the County of Maui, to finish the Lahaina flood control project in its last and most critical stage.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Lahaina flood control project shall be owned and managed by the County of Maui;
- (2) Changing the expending agency to the county of Maui, as they are funding a portion of the project but will be responsible for the complete design and construction of the entire project;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 718, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 718, 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,

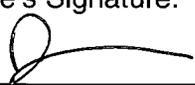


LAURA H. THIELEN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water and Land
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 718	WTL, NAM	02.09.15
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
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	1
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
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