

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 444

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 893
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. 893 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER AND SEWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Pacific-Asia Institute for Resilience and Sustainability for research on water and sewer distribution systems on each island and a pilot study for advanced monitoring of water systems.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Enterprise Honolulu, Pacific-Asia Institute for Resilience and Sustainability, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the United States Environmental Protection Agency has identified Hawaii as the focus for improving how funding is used to support water systems and infrastructure. There is approximately \$100,000,000 in unused funds from the United States Environmental Protection Agency's drinking water state revolving fund. The fund is used to make grants and low interest loans for county water improvement projects that have had difficulty obtaining necessary permits from the state Department of Health.

Your Committee further finds that the water and sewer distribution systems in our State are important for any future

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economic growth. Furthermore, as the United States Environmental Protection Agency identified, there is a need to appropriately evaluate and improve water systems and infrastructure. This measure will assist in using available funding resources in an efficient and fiscally responsible manner.

Your Committee requests the Pacific-Asia Institute for Resilience and Sustainability to provide more information about its presence in Hawaii as this measure moves through the legislative process, including information on its ability to accomplish their research and pilot study locally.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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. 893, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 893, 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

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| Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">CB 093</div> | Committee Referral: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">WTL, WAM</div> | Date: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">02-18-15</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-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div> <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 | | | | ✓ |
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| Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div> | | | | |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div> | | | | |
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