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The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
and Members
Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 224
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Dear Chair Gabbard and Members:

Subject: House Bill 2040 Relating to Water Security

We support House Bill 2040, which establishes 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. This pilot program will provide incentives to increase the recharge of groundwater resources; encourage the reuse of water and reduce the use of potable water for landscaping irrigation; and improve the efficiency of potable and agricultural water use.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony on House Bill 2040.

Very truly yours,

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Aloha Members of the Senate Water & Land Committee

RE: HB 2040: In Strong Support
Monday, March 14, 2016
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I am writing on behalf of the Surfrider Foundation's Oahu Chapter in support of HB 2040, that establishes a two-year pilot program in the Department of Land and Natural Resources that enables public-private partnerships to provide funds for projects that increase water security. Preserving our freshwater supplies is a crucial step towards creating a sustainable future in Hawai'i. As we continue to use more than 50% of our drinking water for irrigation purposes it is imperative that our state find creative mechanisms to incentivize the public & private businesses to take charge of their water re-use and contribute to a reduced reliance on potable water for purposes outside of drinking.

Surfrider Oahu has greatly increased its Ocean Friendly Garden program in the past two years and aims to continue to educate and provide hands on technique training for water capture and reuse. Giving business and homeowners the option to have some of their expenses covered will encourage the growth of this important building sector. Not only will residents/businesses of Hawai'i be taking meaningful action to protect our freshwater resources, but they will also be supporting the growth of a new industry in building technology.

In addition to the freshwater recharge, collecting stormwater for reuse helps reduce the impact of polluted runoff that enters our stormdrains and empties into our oceans. Stormwater pollution as well as fresh water recharge having become major priorities for both the State as a whole and the City and Counties who serve diversified needs and issues.

Please help Hawai'i to take charge of preserving our most precious natural resource – fresh water – and give citizens and businesses an incentive to actively take part in this important sustainability goal.

Mahalo for your time and consideration on this important topic.

Cheers,
Rafael Bergstrom
Surfrider Oahu Chapter Coordinator

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