

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 636  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 636, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER CONSERVATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to conserve fresh water in the State.

More specifically, the measure:

- (1) Establishes within each county water supply department a two-year water conservation financial assistance pilot program to provide financial assistance to county-owned water systems to implement water conservation incentive programs;
- (2) Appropriates funds to support the county water conservation financial assistance pilot programs; and
- (3) Requires each county water supply department to provide funds on a dollar-to-dollar cost share basis to match state funds appropriated for the water conservation financial assistance program.



Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; the Mayor's Office of the County of Hawaii; the Honolulu Board of Water Supply; One World One Water, LLC; The Nature Conservancy; Hawaii Fresh Water Initiative; Ulupono Initiative; Sierra Club of Hawaii; U.S. Green Building Code Council Hawaii Chapter; Hawaii Green Growth; and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii, as an island state, has limited access to natural fresh water, and believes that providing state financial assistance to county-owned public water systems that implement water conservation measures and practices will reduce water use and waste.

Your Committee notes that questions have been raised regarding the Legislature's potential lack of statutory authority to require the establishment of specific programs within county agencies, or to require county agencies to expend county funds for a pilot program, absent statutory provisions conferring those authorities. Your Committee respectfully requests that those issues be addressed by a Conference Committee that may further consider 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. 636, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

  
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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 636, HD1, SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WTL/PSM, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/20/17</b>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				/
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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