Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2612

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2018 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2612, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect nearshore marine areas and their ecosystems by:

- (1) Requiring the University of Hawai'i Water Resources Research Center, in cooperation and consultation with the Department of Health, to conduct a statewide study of sewage contamination in nearshore marine areas; and
- (2) Appropriating an unspecified amount of funds for the study.

The Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and two individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Health and University of Hawai'i provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2612, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: Comm HB 26/2 HD/ EE	ittee Referral:	E/X/ Date	2/28,	/2018
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				
2. CULLEN, Ty J.K. (VC)				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
4. DeCOITE, Lynn				
5. FUKUMOTO, Beth				
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
7. HOLT, Daniel				
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett			7 2524,	
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
10. LOWEN, Nicole E.		- The state of the		
11. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.				
12. TODD, Chris				
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
14. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.				
15. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (15)	15	Ø	Ø	Ø
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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