STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii FEB 18 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 901 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 901 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

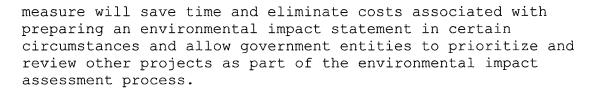
The purpose of this measure is to amend the environmental impact statement law to delete references to discretionary permits in allowing infrastructure improvements within a highway or public right-of-way to be exempt from environmental assessment requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Transportation; and Office of Planning. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Life of the Land and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

Your Committee finds that infrastructure improvements, such as connecting a water or sewer line to a highway, or making a roadway connection to a public right-of-way, should not be the sole basis for triggering an environmental impact assessment, regardless of whether a discretionary consent is involved. This

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 901, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 901, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection,

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NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-first Legislature



## Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

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$\theta$ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: $\theta$ Pass, unamended (as is) $\theta$ Pass, with amendments (HD) $\theta$ Hold $\theta$ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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3. HASHEM, Mark J.	/			
4. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.				
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.				
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8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	/			
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The recommendation is:				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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