

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1301

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 , 2021

RE: H.C.R. No. 102

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 Water & Land, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 102 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO ESTABLISH A STATE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Legislative Reference Bureau, in collaboration with the Department of Land and Natural Resources and University of Hawaii, develop a plan to establish a state geological survey in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology of the University of Hawaii at Mānoa. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Legislative Reference Bureau and Office of Planning.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is the only state in the nation without a geological survey and is one of only two states in the nation that has never received federal funds to perform geological studies. Your Committee further finds that a state geological survey in Hawaii would unify the State's mapping

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capability, make Hawaii eligible to compete for applicable federal funds, and provide a broader range of geological information for the public and state decisionmakers to use in mitigation and management planning.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title to read, "REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING, IN COLLABORATION WITH VARIOUS AGENCIES, TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO ESTABLISH A STATE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY IN HAWAII.";
- (2) Requesting the Office of Planning, rather than the Legislative Reference Bureau, to develop a plan to establish a state geological survey in Hawaii;
- (3) Adding language that would enable the Office of Planning to collaborate with the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Department of Transportation, and the appropriate county planning departments and emergency management agencies when developing the plan;
- (4) Directing the Legislative Reference Bureau, upon request of the Office of Planning, to assist in the preparation of any proposed legislation that may be required to implement the Office of Planning's findings and recommendations;
- (5) Specifying that the Office of Planning is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2023; and
- (6) 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 Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 102, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 102, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water & Land,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



