

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3499

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1672
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water and Land and Government Operations,
to which was referred H.B. No. 1672, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to expand the
purpose and rationale for which counties may create special
improvement districts to include:

- (1) Environmental research, restoration, and maintenance;
and
- (2) Natural hazard mitigation to improve environmental
conditions and provide community benefits.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, University of
Hawai'i System, Sierra Club of Hawai'i, and Waikiki Beach Special
Improvement District Association. Your Committees received
testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your
Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i
Emergency Management Agency.



Your Committees find that existing law allows counties to create special improvement districts to provide supplemental financial support for purposes of restoring or promoting business activity; however, the needs and demands of these districts has grown to include the management or mitigation of environmental conditions that impact natural resources. As threats to environmental ecosystems continue to increase, including coastal hazards, frequent severe storms and drought, sea level rise, groundwater inundations, and coastal erosion, it is necessary to broaden the counties' authority to create special improvement districts. Therefore, this measure allows the counties to establish special improvement districts for environmental protection and preservation, natural resource management, and natural hazard mitigation.

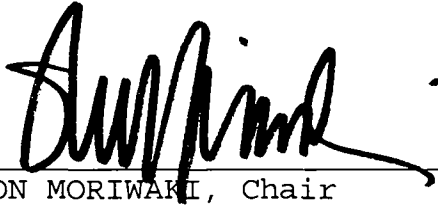
Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the purposes of creating a special improvement project district include but are not limited to providing, financing, and coordinating federal, state, and county efforts to further the district's goals;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2022; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land and Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1672, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1672, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water and Land
and Government Operations,



SHARON MORIWAKI, Chair



LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



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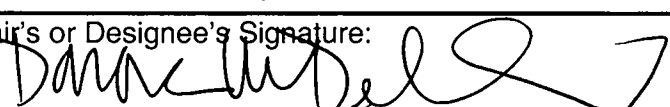
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The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	/			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)				/
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;"> Bennette E. Misaluk </div>				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
CHANG, Stanley	/			
GABBARD, Mike	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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