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Honolulu, Hawaii MAR 2 4 2022 RE: H.B. No. 2229

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Higher Education and Water and Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 2229, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COASTAL EROSION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a two-year program at the University of Hawaii to study the impact of sandbag walls, or "sand burritos", on sand movement patterns and coastal erosion and on public trust resources, including beach access, coastal water quality, and recreation, at Ehukai Beach Park; and
- (2) Appropriate funds.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System, Oceanit Center, Surfrider Foundation Hawaii Region, and four individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committees find that temporary erosion control devices with sandbag walls, or "sand burritos", and tarp systems can have effects similar to concrete and rock seawalls and other hardening



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structures. Emergency permits for "sand burritos" are designed to be temporary in nature, and to provide landowners time with the conditioned expectation that they work on short-, mid-, and longrange options. Currently, the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands is investigating potential permit non-compliance with each of the remaining erosion control structures. Alleged issues of noncompliance include the failure of the permit holders to secure the proper land disposition from either the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Land Division or the county departments of parks and recreation, failure to file a completion report, failure to clean debris from failed structures, and the use of unauthorized materials.

Your Committees encourage the Department of Land and Natural Resources to temporarily continue issuance of permits for "sand burritos" during the University of Hawaii, College of Engineering's two-year study to continue mitigation efforts against coastal erosion.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- Expanding the scope of the University of Hawaii's program to include:
 - (A) Support of the design and implementation of a test project of a soft engineered shoreline protection system with one or more willing landowners, in collaboration with the relevant state and county agencies;
 - (B) Development of a beach and dune management plan for the area to identify potential short- and long-term sediment management techniques and coastal dune restoration and management strategies; and
 - (C) Analysis of potential changes to laws and policies that will allow for the implementation of adaptation measures identified in the study;
- (2) Clarifying that the University of Hawaii, College of Engineering will conduct the two-year study;



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- (3) Requiring that one or more willing landowners to pay for the cost of design and implementation of any test project of a soft engineered solution, including removal; and
- (4) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education and Water and Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2229, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2229, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Higher Education and Water and Land,

LORRAINE R. INOUYE, Charl

DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.							
If so, then the previous decision was to:							
The Recommendation is:							
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused			
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	\checkmark						
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)							
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.							
WAKAI, Glenn				\checkmark			
FEVELLA, Kurt	\checkmark			·			
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Chair's or Designee's Signature: Michelle Atidami							
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Members		Ауе	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused		
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)		X					
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)		X					
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.		<u> </u>					
RIVIERE, Gil		X,	L				
FEVELLA, Kurt		X					
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