STAND. COM. REP. NO. 977 -22

Honolulu, Hawaii MAR 04 , 2022 RE: H.B. No. 2256 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2022 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2256, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- Establish a Department of Environmental Protection on July 1, 2026;
- (2) Create a Department of Environmental Protection Working Group to address the logistics required for the State to establish a Department of Environmental Protection; and
- (3) Require the Department of Environmental Protection Working Group to submit a report to the Legislature prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Environmental Advisory Council, Climate Protectors Hawai'i, and Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources,



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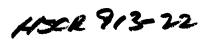
Department of Health, Hawaii State Energy Office, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, and Honolulu Board of Water Supply.

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. 2256, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.:ComminHB 22.56HDIEE	ttee Referral: P, FIN	Date:	3-2-27	2
The committee is reconsidering its previous decis	ion 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)	1			
2. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (VC)				
3. BRANCO, Patrick Pihana				
4. ELI, Stacelynn K.M.				
5. HOLT, Daniel	/			
6. ILAGAN, Greggor				
7. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
8. MARTEN, Lisa				
9. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				
10. PERRUSO, Amy A.	/		and the second	
11. SAYAMA, Jackson D.				
12. TAM, Adrian K.				
13. TODD, Chris				
14. WILDBERGER, Tina				
15. McDERMOTT, Bob				
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TOTAL (15)	14			
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, _	Not Adop committee acronyr	did not suppo	rt recommendati	on.
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:		P		
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