

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 27 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 1088  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1  
C.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 1088, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DECLARATION OF WATER SHORTAGE AND EMERGENCY,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to amend the conditions, manner, and areas in which the Commission on Water Resource Management (Commission) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources can declare water shortages and emergencies.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Commission may declare an emergency if the Commission determines, in consultation with the appropriate county and the Department of Health, that there is an absence of sufficient quantity and quality of



water in any area, whether within or outside of a water management area, that immediately threatens the public health, safety, and welfare;

- (2) Providing that an emergency order of the Commission expires no later than one year after it has been issued by the Commission, unless extended by a separate or supplementary order;
- (3) Changing its effective date to upon its approval; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1088, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1088, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

  
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