

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2023

RE: S.B. No. 1417
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 1417 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Hawaii Community Development Authority to consider the impacts of climate change, sea level rise, and climate resilience development in the design and siting of buildings in the Kakaako and Kalaeloa community development districts.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Hawai'i Community Development Authority, University of Hawai'i System, Climate Protectors Coalition, and two individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committees find that Hawaii is experiencing a climate emergency. Climate change and sea level rise pose significant, dangerous, and imminent threats to public safety, nature and the environment, cultural resources, property, infrastructure, and government functions. Your Committees further find that the Hawaii Community Development Authority plans, coordinates, and implements new infrastructure and development projects in the Kakaako and Kalaeloa community development districts on Oahu.



Your Committees recognize that the Kakaako Community Development District will be particularly threatened by the effects of climate change, including sea level rise, king tides, and heavy rainfall, and that the lack of drainage infrastructure in the Kalaeloa Community Development District makes it especially vulnerable to heavy rainfall and other effects of climate change. Thus, this measure requires the Hawaii Community Development Authority to consider the impacts of climate change, sea level rise, and climate resilient development in the design and siting of buildings in the Kakaako and Kalaeloa community development districts.

Your Committees have amended this measure by inserting recommended language from the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program and Climate Resilience Collaboration that requires development in the Kakaako and Kalaeloa community development districts to implement certain design standards for new construction relating to the elevation of the lowest first floor.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Water and Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1417, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1417, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

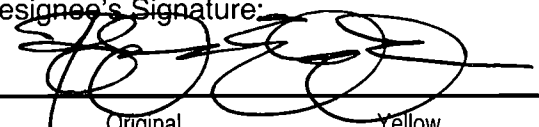
Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Water and Land,


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair


MIKE GABBARD, Chair

The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water and Land
WTL

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1417	Committee Referral: AEN/WTL, WAM	Date: 02/10/2023		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
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)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt			✓	
TOTAL	4	0	1	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes