STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 17 , 2023

RE: S.C.R. No. 35 H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 35 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAI'I COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCREASING WATER ACCESS AND STRENGTHENING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES ON HAWAI'I ISLAND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii County Department of Water Supply to convene a working group to examine opportunities for increasing water access and strengthening water infrastructure for underserved communities on Hawaii Island.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from Ku Pono Aloha Farms, LLC.

Your Committee finds that many communities located on the southwestern side of Hawaii Island lack access to county water infrastructure, posing a glaring example of structural inequality for that part of the island, which ranks below the state average in household income, educational attainment, and other key social and economic indicators. Your Committee further finds that lack of access to a consistent water supply prevents the development of basic infrastructure in rural and remote areas, including the

establishment of public schools, medical and community health centers, grocery stores, and financial institutions. The working group contemplated by this measure would evaluate ways to address this water access inequity and involve key stakeholders in the process.

Your Committee has amended this measure by specifically requesting that the Hawaii County Department of Water Supply invite Native Hawaiian cultural practitioners and members of the Native Hawaiian community to participate in the working group.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 35, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 35, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Water & Land,

LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: 50k 35	l e	Committee Referral:			Date: 4/13/23	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision 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)						
WAL Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)) Nays	Excused	
1. ICHIYAMA, Linda (C)					
2. POEPOE, Mahina (V	C)					
3. CHUN, Cory M.						
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4. GANADEN, Sonny						
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	Street Web 2011 to 1811 1815 1815 1815					
6. MORIKAWA, Dee				AND A PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY		
o. WORKAWA, Dee						
7. TAKAYAMA, Gregg						
8. SOUZA, Kanani						
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The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, committee acronym(s) Not Adopted did not support recommendation.						
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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