

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3326**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 22 2024**

RE: H.B. No. 1900  
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 1900, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HYDROLOGIC DATA COLLECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to improve the State's understanding of the complex hydrologic systems in Hawaii and provide additional resources for the Hawaii *Mesonet*.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Honolulu Board of Water Supply, County of Hawai'i Department of Water Supply, University of Hawai'i, Ulupono Initiative, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, The Nature Conservancy, North Shore Hydrological Services, and one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from Restore the Commons.

Your Committee finds that hydrologic data collection is critical to understanding trends, including climate change, affecting Hawaii's water resources. Your Committee further finds that the Hawaii *Mesonet* is a statewide advanced weather and climate monitoring network that collects high quality data,



including data regarding hydrological processes. This measure will appropriate funds for the maintenance of the *Mesonet* to ensure that this system continues to provide high quality data on climate change into the future.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1900, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

  
LORRAINE R. INOUÉ, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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| Bill / Resolution No.:*<br><b>HB 1900, HD1</b> | Committee Referral:<br><b>WTL, WAM</b> | Date:<br><b>03/15/24</b> |
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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:

Pass, unamended 2312    
  Pass, with amendments 2311    
  Hold 2310    
  Recommit 2313

| Members                     | Aye      | Aye (WR) | Nay      | Excused  |
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| INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)     | ✓        |          |          |          |
| ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC) | ✓        |          |          |          |
| CHANG, Stanley              |          |          |          | ✓        |
| MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.        | ✓        |          |          |          |
| FEVELLA, Kurt               |          |          |          | ✓        |
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Recommendation:      Adopted      Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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