

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2024

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RE: H.B. No. 2695

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2695, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

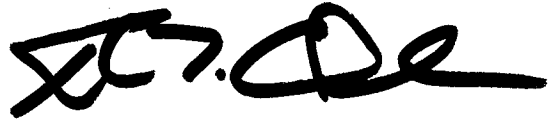
The purpose of this measure is to require each county board of water supply or water board to prioritize the sustainable recharge of aquifers, ensure the health of watersheds, and, when allocating water for new development, prioritize the development of affordable housing over other types of development; provided that these requirements shall not be construed to affect allocations of water for agricultural purposes or developments under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply and County of Hawai'i Department of Water Supply. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and one individual.

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. 2695, 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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KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB2695 HD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WAL/JHA, FIN</b>	Date: <b>02/26/2024</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)	✓			
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)	✓			
3. AIU, Micah P.K.	✓			
4. CHUN, Cory M.	✓			
5. COCHRAN, Elle				✓
6. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	✓			
7. KAHALOA, Kirstin		✓		
8. KILA, Darius K.	✓			
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
10. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.	✓			
11. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
12. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
13. POEPOE, Mahina	✓			
14. TAKENOUCHE, Jenna	✓			
15. ALCOS III, David	✓			
16. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (16)				
	14	<del>14</del>	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <i>David Takuya</i>				
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