

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1318

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 17, 2023

RE: S.B. No. 1066  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Water & Land and Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 1066, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FRESH WATER SECURITY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish within the Commission on Water Resource Management a Water Security Working Group to study and recommend, for legislative consideration and approval, priority capital improvement projects, including funding and financing strategies for each project, that leverage public-private investment to increase Hawaii's water security.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Ulupono Initiative, and four individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committees find that as demonstrated by recent events, such as the fuel contamination caused by the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility as well as longer-term trends such as declining rainfall over the last twenty years due to climate change, there is a greater need than ever before to protect and enhance Hawaii's fresh water resources.

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Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Water Security Working Group to also consider projects that increase the supply of fresh water;
- (2) Changing its effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

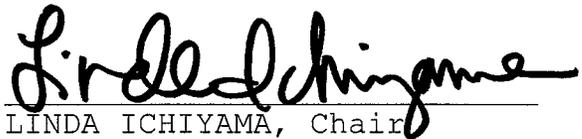
Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider appropriating \$50,000 for the Water Security Working Group.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Energy & Environmental Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1066, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1066, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Economic Development.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Water & Land and  
Energy & Environmental  
Protection,



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair





Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 1066, SD 2	Committee Referral: WAL/EEP, ECD, FIN	Date: 03/16/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. COCHRAN, Elle (VC)	✓			
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega				✓
4. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.				✓
6. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
7. WARD, Gene				
TOTAL (7)	5			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Elle Cochran</u>				
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