

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3469

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2024

RE: S.C.R. No. 176
S.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
S.C.R. No. 176 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND
AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
TO ADOPT CERTAIN PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE DAM AND
APPURTENANCE IMPROVEMENT OR REMOVAL GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST
APPLICANTS IN OBTAINING GRANTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the
Department of Land and Natural Resources and Board of Land and
Natural Resources to adopt certain procedures relating to the Dam
and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program to assist
applicants in obtaining grants.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau and one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the Dam and Appurtenance
Improvement or Removal Grant Program provides funding to owners of
private dams for plans, design, construction, and equipment to
improve or remove deficient dams and appurtenances, as determined
by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department).



However, grant applicants are subject to the discretion and uneven application of criteria by the Department and Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board), which discourages applicants from improving these structures. Your Committee maintains that the Board and Department should clarify and communicate to the public the criteria it develops for the award of grants from the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program to assist applicants in their efforts to maintain or improve existing dam infrastructure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 176, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 176, S.D. 1.

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


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water and Land
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SCR 176	WTL	3/25/24		
<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	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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