

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3595

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2024

RE: S.R. No. 152

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.R. No. 152 entitled:

"SENATE 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.

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.R. No. 152, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 152, S.D. 1.

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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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
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>

Recommendation:    
 Adopted    
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: 

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