

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3638**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2024

RE: S.R. No. 98

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Housing, to which was referred S.R. No. 98 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING DEVELOPERS TO INCORPORATE NET ZERO WATER BUILDING STRATEGIES WHEN CONSTRUCTING AND RENOVATING HOUSING PROJECTS IN THE STATE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to encourage developers to incorporate net zero water building strategies when constructing and renovating housing projects in the State.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committees find that a net zero water project creates a water-neutral building where the amount of alternative water--water sourced sustainably, such as harvested rainwater--used and water collected from the building systems such as green infrastructure and on-site treated wastewater, and returned to the original water source is equal to the building's total water consumption. This measure encourages developers to incorporate net zero water building strategies into their construction and renovation of housing projects in the State to help reduce pollution, mitigate impacts on aquifers, and conserve Hawaii's precious water resources.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 98 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Housing,



STANLEY CHANG, Chair



BARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



