## STAND. COM. REP. NO. 34 -24

Honolulu, Hawaii MAR 0 1 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1544 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. 1544, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- Establish a minimum penalty and amend the maximum penalty per violation of the State Water Code, expand the types of potential violations of the State Water Code, and make each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense;
- (2) Require the Commission on Water Resource Management to consider certain factors when imposing penalties; and
- (3) Make the setting, charging, and collecting of administrative fines by the Commission on Water Resource Management mandatory, rather than discretionary.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Ulupono Initiative; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Mahi Pono and the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii. Your Committee received

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comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; County of Hawai'i Department of Water Supply; 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. 1544, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance**

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committe	e Referral:	Date		•	
HBISUN HDI	WALJF	HA, FIN	02	26/2021	1	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.						
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold   Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)						
FIN Mem	bers	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle I	F. (C)	$\checkmark$				
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (V	<b>C</b> )		z			
3. AIU, Micah P.K.		$\checkmark$				
4. CHUN, Cory M.		$\checkmark$				
5. COCHRAN, Elle					$\sim$	
6. GARRETT, Andrew 7	<b>Fakuya</b>	$\checkmark$				
7. KAHALOA, Kirstin			$\checkmark$			
8. KILA, Darius K.						
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertra	nd					
10. LAMOSAO, Rachele	F.	$\sim$	-			
11. MORIKAWA, Dee		$\checkmark$				
12. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y	•	$\checkmark$	2 			
13. POEPOE, Mahina		$\checkmark$				
14. TAKENOUCHI, Jenn	a	$\sim$				
15. ALCOS III, David		$\checkmark$				
16. WARD, Gene		$\checkmark$				
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TOTAL (	16)	14		U	1	
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.						
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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