

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 836  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 836 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Business Activity Water Catchment System Working Group within the Department of Health to assess the feasibility of allowing business owners in the State to utilize filtered water collected by water catchment systems for business activities; and
- (2) Require the Business Activity Water Catchment System Working Group to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2027 and dissolve on June 30, 2027.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Food+ Policy.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that the State's water resources are fragile and have been recently subjected to significant stressors



after the petroleum leaks at the Red Hill bulk fuel storage facility on Oahu and the 2023 Maui wildfires. Your Committee further finds that assessing and implementing novel ideas to protect and diversify the State's water resources is vital. The establishment of this measure's Business Activity Water Catchment System Working Group is crucial for developing guidelines that ensure the safe and responsible implementation of water catchment systems for business use.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a blank appropriation amount to retain the professional services of a facilitator to direct the Business Activity Water Catchment System Working Group, and assist the Department of Health with preparing a report to the Legislature;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of December 31, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 836, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 836, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health and Human  
Services,

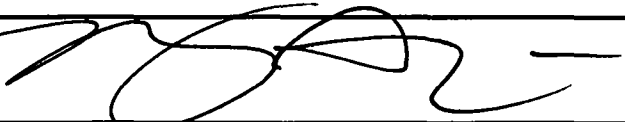


JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 836</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HHS, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/12/25</b>		
<div><input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____</div>				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div></div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)	✓			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</div></div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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