

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18, 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2316

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2316 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LEAD MATERIALS IN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to strengthen restrictions on lead use in drinking water by aligning state law with more restrictive federal lead use prohibitions as adopted in title 40 Code of Federal Regulations sections 143.12 and 143.13.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; State Health Planning and Development Agency; Plumbers and Fitters United Association Local 675; and two individuals.

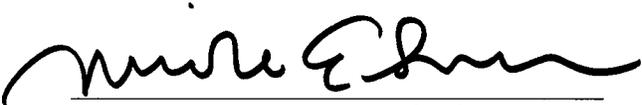
Your Committee finds that the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-523) allows the Environmental Protection Agency to authorize states to exercise primary enforcement responsibility, or primacy, for regulating public water systems and that the State has been granted primacy to enforce the Safe Drinking Water Act. Your Committee further finds that under federal requirements for state primacy, states must adopt regulations that are at least as stringent as federal regulations. Updates to title 40 Code of Federal Regulations sections 143.12 and 143.13 took effect in 2020 to strengthen restrictions on lead in drinking water. This



measure is therefore necessary to align state lead use regulations with those more restrictive federal regulations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2316 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2316	Committee Referral: EEP, JHA	Date: 2/7/26
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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)

EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)	✓			
3. CHUN, Cory M.	✓			
4. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
5. KUSCH, Matthias	✓			
6. QUINLAN, Sean				✓
7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
TOTAL (7)	6			1

The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted
 If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: *Amy Perruso*