

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 134  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.R. No. 134 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DUST MONITORING STATIONS IN AND AROUND WAIMANALO GULCH TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the establishment of dust monitoring stations in and around Waimanalo Gulch to protect public health and environmental quality.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and Energy Justice Network.

Your Committees find that dust and airborne particulate matter can pose serious health risks, including respiratory, cardiovascular, and allergic conditions, and that dust monitoring is the process of measuring and tracking the concentration, type, and movement of dust particles in the air or in a specific environment. Your Committees further find that real-time and historical data from dust monitoring stations promotes transparency and community engagement by allowing residents, researchers, and local decision-makers to access and understand



air quality conditions in their areas. This measure allows the collection of critical data to inform public health policy decisions, support the enforcement of environmental regulations, and guide dust control and mitigation strategies.

Your Committees acknowledge the concern raised in testimony by the Department of Health that establishing the monitoring stations requested by this measure would require the expansion of its existing monitoring network, with installation costs estimated to range from \$600,000 to \$700,000, and recurring costs that could exceed \$230,000 annually for maintenance, data management, and specialized analysis and contractor support. Your Committees note that there is currently no funding available to support this expansion. Therefore, amendments to this measure are necessary to address this issue.

Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Department of Health is urged to make recommendations on, rather than establish, dust monitoring stations at strategic locations in and around Waimanalo Gulch;
- (2) Amending its title accordingly; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

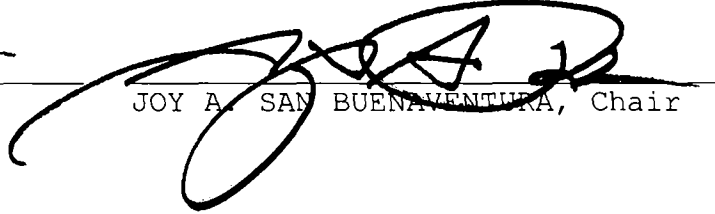
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 134, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 134, S.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Health and Human  
Services and Agriculture and  
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate  
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**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health and Human Services**  
**HHS**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SR 134</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HHS I A E N</b>	Date: <b>3/30/2026</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo				✓
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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