

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1011

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2017

RE: H.B. No. 630
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 630, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DROUGHT MITIGATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for:

- (1) Drought mitigation projects and measures in each county; and
- (2) The establishment of one full-time equivalent permanent planner IV position within the Commission on Water Resource Management to update the Hawaii Drought Plan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i; Board of Water Supply of the City and County of Honolulu; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; One World One Water, LLC; Ulupono Initiative; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that drought conditions can cause widespread and significant damage in the State, including loss of



crops and livestock, irreparable harm to plants and wildlife, increased risk of wildfires, and the potential to leave thousands of state residents without the adequate water supply for daily living needs. Your Committee finds it is imperative to continue to fund drought mitigation efforts at the county level and update the Hawaii Drought Plan to enable the State to successfully endure anticipated future drought conditions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of March 15, 2099, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purpose of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 630, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 630, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,




KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water and Land
WTL

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>HB 630, HD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>WTL, WAM</i>	Date: <i>03-15-2017</i>		
<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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				✓
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOTAL	<i>4</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes