

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2684

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2334
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2334, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PLANNING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require that certain state and county plans account for climate change.

Specially, this measure requires the:

- (1) State and counties to consider hazards caused by climate change, including the findings of the Hawaii Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report, in their multi-hazard mitigation plans;
- (2) State and counties to develop and establish comprehensive frameworks in pre-disaster planning and post-disaster recovery that address adaptation strategies to sea level rise;
- (3) State and counties to include modeling that anticipates sea level rise and floodplains in terms of a hundred-year coastal flood benchmark in floodplain mapping; and
- (4) Counties to participate in the community rating system developed by the national flood insurance program.



Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of Planning; the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; the University of Hawaii; the Sierra Club of Hawaii; OCC Legislative Priorities; the City and County of Honolulu Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency; Coastal Planners, LLC; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that recent studies predict that sea levels will rise by 3.2 feet as early as the year 2060 and will continue to rise for centuries. Requiring the State and counties to incorporate higher sea levels and climate change hazards in plans will help to reduce property damage caused by climate change and promote the efficient use of resources when rebuilding areas damaged by natural disasters.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the State and counties to include state functional plans, county general plans, and community development plans in pre-disaster planning and post-disaster recovery strategies that address sea level rise adaptation strategies;
- (2) Requiring that floodplain mapping incorporate information from the Hawaii Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2334, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2334, S.D. 2.




Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2334, SD1	Committee Referral: GVO/WTL/PSM, WAM	Date: 2/18/18		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				X
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn				X
TOTAL	9			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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