

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1274

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 20 2019

RE: H.B. No. 765
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 765, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COASTAL PLANNING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the incorporation of sea level rise projections in all new state plans and updates to existing state plans generated under the Hawaii State Planning Act pursuant to chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Planning, Sierra Club of Hawai'i, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, Young Democrats of Hawaii, and twenty-two individuals.

Your Committees find that in December 2017, the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission accepted the Hawaii Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report (SLR Report). The first recommendation of the SLR Report is to recognize the SLR-XA (Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Area) as a statewide vulnerability zone. The SLR-XA demonstrates the extent of the potential exposure of land and structures to flooding and erosion with an increase of 0.5, 1.1, 2.0, and 3.2 feet of sea level rise throughout the State. Your Committees find that



planning for sea level rise is necessary to protect coastal structures, infrastructure, and environments and therefore must be considered for purposes of state planning.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Making it effective on July 1, 2019; and
- (2) 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 Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 765, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 765, 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
Committees on Water and Land
and Agriculture and
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair

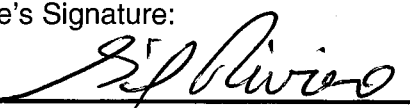


KAIULANI M. KAHALA, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water and Land
WTL

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB7165, HD1	Committee Referral: WTL/AEN, WAM	Date: 3/15/2019		
<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
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)				X
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
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

