

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1500
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 1500 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER CIRCULATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to collaborate with various agencies to research and develop a plan for a mechanism for increased water circulation in Pokai Bay on Oahu's leeward coast to mitigate environmental and health risks caused by pollution and contaminants in the water.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Na Kama Kai, Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee, and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that Pokai Bay is one of the most visited ocean areas on Oahu's leeward coast because of its wide sandy beach and relatively calm waters; however, despite its pristine appearance of crystal blue waters and white sand, it is sadly the site of pollution from multiple sources. Your Committee further finds that various methods of artificial water circulation, including jet aeration and pumping systems, to



increase oxygenation, improve water quality, and mitigate environmental damage caused by shoreline destruction and water contamination have worked across the world and believes such methods can be employed in Pokai Bay to reduce pollution and restore its beauty.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing the Department of Land and Natural Resources with the Department of Health as the lead agency;
- (2) Directing the Department of Health to collaborate with the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, rather than a representative from a list provided by native Hawaiian organizations, in addition to other entities specified;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of December 31, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes 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 S.B. No. 1500, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1500, 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,

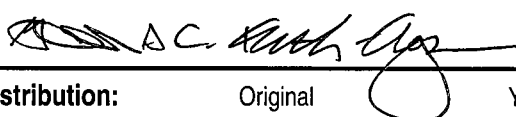


KAIALI'I KAHALE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB1500	Committee Referral: WTL, WAM	Date: 2/6/2019		
<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	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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