

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1607

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2019

RE: S.C.R. No. 184
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.C.R. No. 184 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO
ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE MATTERS RELATED TO THE
ALA WAI CANAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Governor to establish a working group to explore matters related
to the Ala Wai Canal Flood Risk Management Project.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of the Governor, University of Hawai'i Community
Design Center, Ka Lāhui Hawai'i Political Action Committee, O'ahu
County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party
of Hawai'i, Halau Ku Mana, SEEQS Public Charter School, and five
individuals.

Your Committee finds that the United States Army Corps of
Engineers (USACE) has coordinated with the State and City and
County of Honolulu to develop a flood mitigation plan for the Ala
Wai Watershed in the event of a major storm. The USACE is
currently negotiating terms with the State and City and County of
Honolulu to proceed with the Ala Wai Canal Flood Risk Management
Project, which received approximately \$345,000,000 in federal
appropriations in July 2018. Your Committee further finds that



while there have been opportunities for public input and engagement regarding the Ala Wai Watershed, further public engagement is warranted in order to consider concerns of the impacts and property owner displacements that will result from the flood mitigation plan proposal.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting that the United States Army Corps of Engineers, State of Hawaii, and City and County of Honolulu, rather than the Governor, establish a working group to explore matters related to the Ala Wai Watershed and, in particular, the Ala Wai Canal Flood Risk Management Project;
- (2) Requesting that a representative of the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu's administration serve as the chair of the working group;
- (3) Requesting that the working group include a representative or representatives of the School for Examining Essential Questions of Sustainability;
- (4) Amending its title; and
- (5) 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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 184, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 184, S.D. 1.

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



KAIULANI I KAHELE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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<i>SCR 184</i>	<i>WTL, WAM</i>	<i>3/25/19</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
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>[Signature]</i>				
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