

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2029

Honolulu, Hawaii

JAN 31 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2858

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2858 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT OFFICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish an Office of Environmental Information Management within the Department of Health.

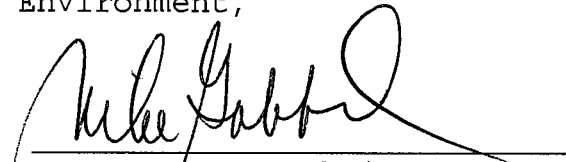
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Health; Office of Environmental Quality Control; Hawaii Government Employees Association; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the quality of the environment is important to the welfare of the people of Hawaii as is the economy of the State. Furthermore, there is an increasing demand for the collection of state environmental data and its dissemination to the public, to the regulated and permitted community, and to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The development of specialized environmental information management systems can greatly assist the Department of Health's Environmental Health Administration to provide timely and comprehensive environmental information to the public, increase efficiency, and make more informed decisions to better protect the environment.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2858 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

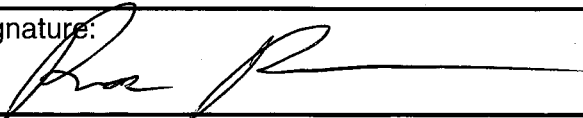
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy and
Environment,


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2858	Committee Referral: ENE, WAM	Date: 1/28/14		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les				X
SLOM, Sam	X			
TOTAL	4		0	1
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