

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3310
Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: S.B. No. 2692
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii
Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2692, S.D. 1, entitled:
"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NA WAI EHA WATERSHED,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ensure the preservation of the Na Wai Eha watershed in Wailuku, Maui.

Specifically, this measure appropriates an unspecified sum out of the land conservation fund for the land acquisition of the Na Wai Eha watershed; provided that the County of Maui provides matching funds.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, County of Maui Department of Water Supply, Mayor of the County of Maui, a member of the Maui County Council, and The Trust for Public Land.

Your Committee finds that the Na Wai Eha watershed represents significant ecological, cultural, and hydrological value to the island of Maui. Your Committee further finds that the land acquisition authorized by this measure will preserve this resource in perpetuity for public recreation and benefit.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Providing that the matching funds from the County of Maui may be used for the land acquisition of Na Wai Eha watershed or for the purchase of the associated water systems and easements offered by the seller;

(2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and

(3) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity and style.

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. 2692, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2692, S.D. 2.

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

DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair