

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii
Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2692, S.D. 2, entitled:
"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NA WAI EHA WATERSHED,"

begs leave to report as follows: is.

The purpose of this measure is to ensure the preservation of the Na Wai Eha watershed in Wailuku, Maui, by appropriating funds out of the Land Conservation Fund for the purchase of a portion of the Na Wai Eha watershed, subject to matching funds from the County of Maui.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Water Supply of the County of Maui, one member of the Maui County Council, and four individuals.

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 the benefit of the public.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2051, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2692, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2692, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on
Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs,

RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair