HB 208
RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL

House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection

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HB 208 provides for publication of a variety of land use, CZM, and other permit application notices in the OEQC bulletin.

Our comments on this measure are compiled from voluntarily submitted opinions of the listed academic sources, and as such, do not constitute an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

Unquestionably, any reasonable means of making notice of environmental and development-related permit applications conveniently available for public inspection is desirable. However, the cost of expanding the Notice will have to be supported, and provisions to minimize additional burdens on the OEQC staff should be included. With allowances for these considerations, enacting a measure such as this would provide a valuable service to both agency staff and the public.