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HB 1188

RELATING TO THE STATE WATER CODE

Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs

Public Hearing - March 12, 1999
2:00 p.m., Room 225, State Capitol

By John Harrison, Environmental Center

HB 1188 proposes to amend numerous sections of Chapter 174C, HRS, to clarify appropriate jurisdiction of the Commission on Water Resources Management (CWRM) over the state Water Code. Our comments on this measure do not constitute an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The amendments proposed in this measure remove inconsistencies and internal contradictions in the existing language of Chapter 174C. The result of these proposed changes will be to make the intent and purpose of the chapter clearer, and remove ambiguity that may prove problematic in its implementation and enforcement. Hence, the Environmental Center concurs with the intent of these proposed amendments.