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Bill To Direct Filthy Stream Thrashed Out By Finance Committee of House

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mittee, involves the building of two dams mauka of Waikiki to divert the streams that now down Maunaloa and Palolo Valleys. There are two streams that empty into the sea on the Diamond Head side of the hotels. One runs by Makee Island; the other flows between that stream and the hotels. The latter is dry, however, except in flood time. It is proposed to turn the bulk of the flood waters down this latter stream, the normal flow to empty into the stream that flows by the park.

Supervisor Ben Hollinger, representing the city and county, protested against this plan. He said that in time of flood Kapiolani Park would be overflowed. He wanted the bulk of the water turned down the other stream.

Outrigger Club representatives pointed out that City Engineer Collins had stated that, under present conditions, the city will have to spend \$10,000 repairing or rebuilding the Kalakaua Avenue bridge under which the dirty stream at present flows, whereas if it were diverted above, no bridge would be needed. In that case, they said, the city could well afford to spend the same amount on a retaining wall to shut the flood waters out from Kapiolani Park.

Charles R. Forbes, superintendent of public works, was called before the committee and gave an estimate of \$17,000 as the total cost of doing the proposed work.

Chairman Cooke said the committee was not interested in the method to be adopted to divert the stream, but only wanted to know if the plan were feasible and could be done within the appropriation asked.

Several property owners in the neighborhood made statements, each advocating some action that he thought would not injure his particular piece of property.

The committee took the matter under advisement and is expected to render a decision soon.
