

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 313 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2652

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, to which  
was referred H.B. No. 2652 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT  
OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide enhanced protection of  
Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by appropriating funds to  
increase the number of positions at the Department of Land and  
Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of Conservation and Resources  
Enforcement by 50 percent, from 124 to 186 positions.

The Conservation Council for Hawaii, The Nature Conservancy  
of Hawaii, Hawaii's Thousand Friends, and a concerned individual  
supported this bill. DLNR submitted comments.

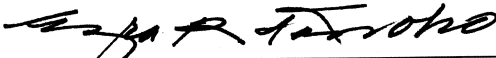
Your Committee notes that the existing personnel within DLNR  
may be required to cover too large an area to be effective. Your  
Committee also notes that DLNR indicated in its testimony that it  
has made a separate request for funding in the supplemental budget  
to pay for contract security guards. By passing this measure, it  
is the intent of your Committee to continue the discussion  
regarding how best to improve enforcement at state parks and  
recreational harbors.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2652 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water, Land, &  
Ocean Resources,

  
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EZRA R. KANOHO, Chair



