

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2807

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR - 3 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2145
S.D. 2

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2145, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote the coordination of the State's environmental justice activities and require a comprehensive review of the State's existing environmental impact statement process.

By Senate Concurrent Resolution 140, H.D. 1, Regular Session 2005, the Legislature requested the Environmental Council, with the assistance of the Office of Environmental Quality Control and the University of Hawaii Environmental Center, to develop and adopt a guidance document to address environmental justice issues. Consequently, the Environmental Council submitted a report to the Legislature outlining a plan to promote environmental justice activities in the State. This measure provides funding to implement this plan. This includes the hiring of a program director by the Environmental Council to coordinate the State's environmental justice activities, including defining "environmental justice", adopting a guidance document to address environmental justice, making recommendations to update the environmental impact statement process, and conducting outreach activities.

Your Committee understands that it has been fifteen years since a comprehensive review of the State's environmental process

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has been conducted. This measure provides the funding to enable the Office of Environmental Quality Control to contract with the University of Hawaii Environmental Center to conduct this comprehensive review.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the University of Hawaii Environmental Center to submit its comprehensive review of the State's existing environmental impact statement process to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2007;
- (2) Exempting the study from the procurement code since the party to be hired for the study is specifically designated;
- (3) Changing the proposed appropriation for the hiring of a program director for the Environmental Council to an unspecified amount to facilitate further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2145, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2145, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Ways and Means
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 2145 SD1	EIA/JHW, WAM	2/28/06
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is to:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)		
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)
Nays	Excused	
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	/	
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/	
ESPERO, Will	/	
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/	
HOOSER, Gary L.		/
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/	
KANNO, Brian		/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/	
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/	
SAKAMOTO, Norman	/	
HEMMINGS, Fred		/
SLOM, Sam	/	
TRIMBLE, Gordon	/	
TOTAL	12	0
0	3	
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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