

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 28 , 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2486
S.D. 2
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

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

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2486, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the Invasive Species Council is a very important agent in preventing, controlling, and eradicating invasive species in Hawaii, and the areas that are most affected by the invasive species are on the neighbor islands. This measure:

- (1) Repeals the sunset date for the Council, permanently placing it within the Department of Land and Natural Resources for administrative purposes only;



- (2) Increases the membership of the Council by adding eight legislative members to serve as ex officio, nonvoting members; and
- (3) Establishes quorum and voting requirements for the Council.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the provisions that placed legislative members on the Invasive Species Council;
- (2) Requiring representatives from the Legislature to be asked to participate or consulted for advice and assistance.

These amendments were made at the suggestion of the Attorney General because he determined that having legislative members serving on the Council violated the separation of powers between the executive and legislative branches of government.

Your Committee on Conference further amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2486, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2486, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



JERRY L. CHANG, Co-Chair



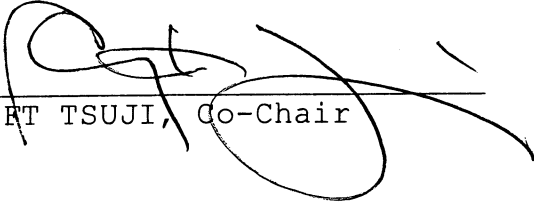
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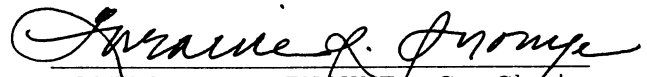
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