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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3087
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Higher Education and Water, Land, and
Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 3087 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR JOB TRAINING
IN NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make an appropriation for
job training in natural resources management under the University
of Hawaii.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawaii and the Nature Conservancy.

Traditional job training programs do not currently offer
training in skills specific for employment in natural resources
management. However, a market exists for experienced natural
resources workers both at the entry level, as field workers, and
at the experienced level, as field supervisors.

Your Committees find that when organizations such as the
Invasive Species Committees in Hawaii advertises for field staff,
the pool of qualified applicants is very small. The introduction
of job training programs in natural resources management could
provide necessary training in global positioning systems, global
information system databases, and plant recognition to attract
more qualified applicants. Numerous established organizations in
the for-profit and non-profit sectors could serve as potential
employers for interns. Many of these organizations conducting

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natural resources work are small and would benefit greatly from the additional support a paid intern could provide.

Your Committees have amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to continue the discussions on this measure.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education and Water, Land, and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3087, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3087, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Higher Education
and Water, Land, and
Agriculture,



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CLAYTON HEE, Chair



