

Honolulu, Hawaii

APRIL 20, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3077
S.D. 2
H.D. 2
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. 3077, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSERVATION,"

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.

The purpose of this measure is to have the Department of Land and Natural Resources consult with the leaders of the Legislature in certain situations relating to conservation lands.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to consult with the Senate President and Speaker of the House of Representatives when:
 - (A) Preparing or revising a resource land acquisition plan; and



- (B) Making recommendations to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) on the acquisition of lands having value as a resource to the State; and
- (2) Requires the Board of Land and Natural Resources to consult with the Senate President and Speaker of the House of Representatives when:
 - (A) Selling, leasing, or otherwise conveying lands having value as a resource to the State; and
 - (B) Making grants to state agencies, counties, and nonprofit land conservation organizations for the purchase or acquisition of interests or rights in land having value as a resource to the State.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Establishing and assigning responsibilities to a Legacy Land Conservation Commission to assist the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Board of Land and Natural Resources in administering the land conservation fund;
- (2) Establishing criteria for prioritizing land and easement acquisitions with moneys from the land conservation fund;
- (3) Providing a process for the development and periodic updating of a resource land acquisition plan;
- (4) Inserting the amount of \$1,100,000 for the purchase of agriculture easements to protect farm and ranch lands throughout the State; and
- (5) 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. 3077, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3077, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

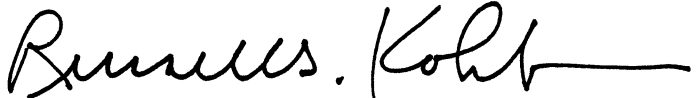


Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

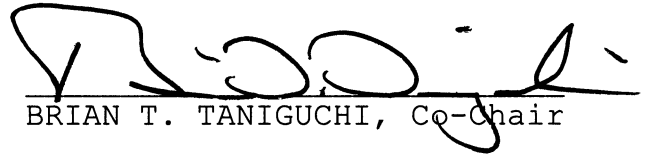
ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE


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