

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1539

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 29 2009

RE: H.C.R. No. 250

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 250 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO REVIEW ALL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS, COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS, AND TASK FORCES TO DETERMINE WHICH OF THESE CAN BE ELIMINATED,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to review all boards, commissions, councils, committees, working groups, and task forces to determine which of these can be eliminated.

One state agency submitted comments on this measure. Written testimony presented to your Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that DLNR is responsible for managing one hundred fifty-eight boards, commissions, councils, committees, working groups, and task forces, of which sixty-five are mandated by statute, fourteen are mandated by federal regulations, and seventy-nine are mandated by DLNR. The staff of the various divisions responsible for one-third of DLNR's boards, commissions, councils, committees, working groups, and task forces with the lowest priorities expends approximately 2,800 man-hours annually preparing for meetings, attending meetings, and otherwise providing assistance. During this time of economic uncertainty, when DLNR is eliminating programs and positions to cut costs, it is important to systematically review the functionality and

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effectiveness of the boards, commissions, councils, committees, working groups, and task forces under DLNR's purview.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 250, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land,
Agriculture, and Hawaiian
Affairs,




CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HCR 250	WTL	4/27/09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)				✓
BUNDA, Robert	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				✓
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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