

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 536
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Technology, to which was referred S.B. No. 536 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STARLIGHT RESERVE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to develop, with the assistance of a temporary advisory committee, a statewide starlight reserve strategy to preserve the quality of the night sky for astronomical observation.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, University of Hawaii at Manoa Institute for Astronomy, Hawaiian Astronomical Society, Haleakala Amateur Astronomers, Maui Astronomy Club, Windward Ahupua'a Alliance, and four concerned individuals. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that the quality of the night sky in Hawaii is unique and is a valuable natural resource that needs to be protected. Your Committee also finds that specific practices and safeguards are necessary to preserve the quality of the night sky in Hawaii for continued astronomical observation that is superior to the rest of the United States. Your Committee further finds that the development and implementation of a starlight reserve strategy will help to prevent the night sky in Hawaii from light pollution.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting section 5(b) of this measure relating to the establishment of a statewide intelligent lighting law;
- (2) Adding a representative of the Hawaiian Astronomical Society as a member of the temporary advisory committee;
- (3) Adding a lighting engineer as a member of the temporary advisory committee; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 536, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 536, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development and Technology,

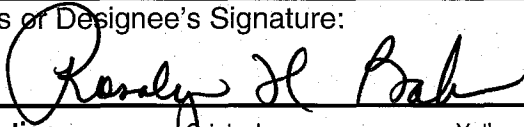


CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB536	Committee Referral: EDT	Date: 2-25-09		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
FUKUNAGA, Carol (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
HEE, Clayton	✓			
IGE, David Y.	✓			
SLOM, Sam		✓		
TOTAL	4	1	-	-
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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