

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **17**

Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: FEB 10 2009  
S.B. No. 167  
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 Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 167 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSERVATION CORPS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a two-year conservation corps pilot program for helping at-risk persons develop life and job skills and gain work experience on the island with the largest contiguous land area.

Oral testimony in support of this measure was presented by four public citizens, one organization submitted comments, and one state agency submitted testimony in opposition.

Your Committee supports the intent of this measure since participation in conservation corp programs can help at-risk persons develop a sense of stewardship and gain experience through community service, training, and education. Accordingly, your Committee believes the measure warrants further discussion.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language to require matching funds from federal sources;
- (2) Amending the effective date to July 1, 2050 for the purpose of encouraging further discussion; and



- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 167, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 167, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

  
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CLAYTON HEE, Chair



