

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

392

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2009

RE: S.B. No. 713
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 Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 713
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE EMERGENCY
ENVIRONMENTAL WORKFORCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to
continue the Emergency Environmental Workforce Program and to
provide for the continuation of the program during periods of
warfare or significant economic hardship.

Comments were submitted by one organization. Written
testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the
Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that the Emergency Environmental
Workforce program established by Act 4, Third Special Session Laws
of Hawaii 2001, following the September 11, 2001 attacks, was
successful in providing short-term employment to recently laid-off
workers and significantly reducing the number of miconia and other
invasive plant species, and coqui frog and fire ant populations.

Your Committee further finds that the current economic
downturn and subsequent employment losses require cost-efficient,
creative solutions such as the Emergency Environmental Workforce
program.



Your Committee finds that the requirement to employ approximately four hundred to four hundred fifty individuals who were terminated from their jobs is restrictive. Your Committee further finds that this estimate should be determined as the Legislature further debates this matter with the intent of providing the Emergency Environmental Workforce with greater hiring flexibility.

Your Committee finds that the amount of the appropriation to continue Emergency Environmental Workforce services should also be determined as the Legislature further debates this matter.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure as follows:

- (1) By leaving the estimated number of individuals required to be hired unspecified;
- (2) By amending the effective date to July 1, 2050, for the purpose of encouraging further discussion; and
- (3) By making technical, nonsubstantive stylistic changes, and amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 713, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 713, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor,

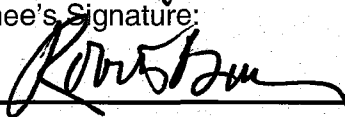


DWIGHT Y. TAKAMINE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 713	LBR, WAM	2-19-09		
<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
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (C)	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)				X
BUNDA, Robert	X			
HEE, Clayton	X			
SLOM, Sam				X
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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