

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

March 8, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 1079
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1079, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FEES FOR HABITAT CONSERVATION PLANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect Hawaii's threatened and endangered species by:

- (1) Authorizing the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to collect fees to cover the costs of their Habitat Conservation Technical Assistance Program which assists landowners in the development, review, and monitoring of habitat conservation plans;
- (2) Requiring DLNR to adopt rules for the establishment of the fees; and
- (3) Providing for the fees to be deposited into the Endangered Species Trust Fund.

DLNR, Hawaii Audubon Society, First Wind, and Earthjustice testified in support of this bill. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism provided comments.

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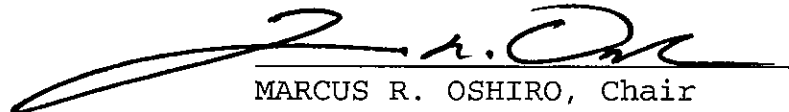


Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1079, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1079, H.D. 2.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



