

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1086

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2011

RE: H.B. No. 1079
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1079, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide a funding mechanism to help the Department of Land and Natural Resources continue to assist landowners in developing, renewing, and monitoring habitat conservation plans by authorizing the Department to collect fees to cover associated costs.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from William J. Aila, Jr., Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources; Richard Lim, Director, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; David Lane Henkin, Attorney, Earthjustice; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that development, while beneficial in other ways, may negatively affect Hawaii's population of threatened and endangered species. The Department of Land and Natural Resources has established a program to assist landowners with their habitat conservation plans to avoid, minimize, mitigate, and monitor take of threatened and endangered species.

In recent years, however, the demand for these services has grown, and the department cannot meet the increased demand under



its current budget. This measure will enable the Department of Land and Natural Resources to continue providing these valuable services by implementing fees to cover the costs of the program and adopting rules for establishing the fees.

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

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 1079, HD2, SD1	Committee Referral: WLH, WAM	Date: 4-1-11		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				/
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KAHELE, Gilbert	/			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	/			
RYAN, Pohai	Yunk			/
TOKUDA, Jill N.				Yunk
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam			/	
TOTAL	10	0	1	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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