

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2593
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2593, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY RULES FOR THREATS TO NATURAL RESOURCES OR THE HEALTH OF THE ENVIRONMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide emergency rulemaking authority for agencies to address issues of imminent peril to natural resources or the health of the environment.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources and The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii testified in support of this measure. The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee notes that the term "the health of the environment" is part of the title of this measure, however, your Committee finds this term should be removed from the substantive portion of this bill.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the term "the health of the environment";
- (2) Changing the effective date to January 7, 2059, to promote further discussion; and



- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2593, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2593, H.D. 2.

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


GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



