

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 5, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2261
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2261 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Reduce violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity;
- (2) Improve the quality of life in Hawaii's neighborhoods;
and
- (3) Encourage community revitalization across the State,

by permanently establishing the Weed and Seed Program within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and appropriating an unspecified amount of general fund revenues to maintain current Weed and Seed Programs and expand the Program into other areas of the State.

The Department of Human Services, the Department of Public Safety, the Honolulu Police Department, and many individuals supported this measure. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and the Office of Community Services commented on this measure.

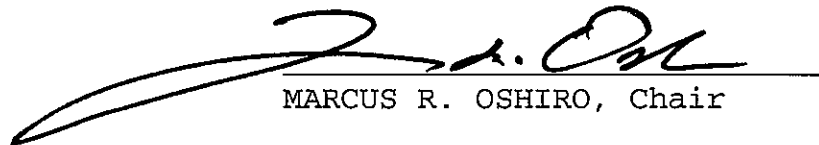


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring that the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations submit a report to the Legislature no later than September 1 of each year on the activities of the Weed and Seed Program;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2030, for the purpose of facilitating further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of accuracy, 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 S.B. No. 2261, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2261, H.D. 1.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2261	Committee Referral: PEM/LAB, JUD, FIN	Date: 3/28/12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)	✓			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	✓			
3. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
4. CULLEN, Ty	✓			
5. GIUGNI, Heather	✓			
6. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
7. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
8. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
9. JORDAN, Jo				✓
10. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	✓			
11. LEE, Chris	✓			
12. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
15. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
16. RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
17. WARD, Gene				✓
TOTAL (17)	15	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-family: cursive;">Marilyn B. Lee</div>				
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