

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2727

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2261

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, 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 and intent of this measure is to establish within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations a permanent weed and seed program. This measure will also provide funds to maintain the current weed and seed operation and expand the program into other areas of the State.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations- Office of Community Services; Department of Human Services; Department of Education; Governor Stanford B. Dole Middle School; Linapuni Elementary School; Kalakaua Middle School; State of Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Meridian Pacific Limited; The Gentry Companies; Fort Street Mall-Business Improvement District; Cedar Assembly of God; Kalihi Baptist Church; Kaumakapili Church; Broadcast House of the Pacific Incorporated; TJ Mahoney and Associates-Ka Halo Ho'ala Hou No Na Wahine; Weed and Seed; Hawaii's Most Wanted Magazine; Kaahumanu Homes; Haseko Development Incorporated; Hawaii Literacy; Pacific Gateway Center; and ten individuals. Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Your Committee finds that the success of the weed and seed program lies with the collaborative efforts of county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies; social service agencies;

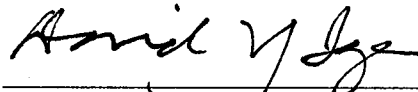
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corporate entities; private businesses; nonprofit and faith-based organizations; schools; and private individuals. "Weeding" out the criminal element has provided the incentive to work together to maintain the positive change by "seeding" the community with programs, including citizen patrol walks, town hall meetings, community clean-ups, and educating children about making right choices in life.

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 S.B. No. 2261 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.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2261	P6M/JDL, WAM	2/28/12		
<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	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	13	0	0	1
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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