

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2544

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2281
S.D. 1

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. 2281, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize agencies to bypass the preparation of an environmental assessment and proceed directly to the preparation of an environmental impact statement, or allow an applicant to do the same, if the agency determines that an environmental impact statement is likely to be required for a proposed action.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and BIA Hawaii. Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii and one individual.


Your Committee finds that allowing agencies or applicants to bypass the preparation of an environmental assessment in certain situations will improve the efficiency of the environmental review process and expedite the completion of those proposed actions.

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. 2281, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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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 2281, SD1	ENE/PGM, WAM	2-23-12
<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	14	0
Nay	0	0
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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