

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2745  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 2  
C.D. 1

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

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

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2745, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENT,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to add priority guidelines to the Hawaii State Planning Act, chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to address the expected impacts of climate change.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the expected climate change effects for Hawaii include warmer temperatures and sea-level rise with resultant flooding, beach erosion, and damage to coastal property. Hawaii's existing climate change policy focuses primarily on mitigation or the reduction of greenhouse gases; however, it does not sufficiently address climate change impacts to Hawaii's natural and built resources. This measure will fortify planning for the effects of climate change. It provides a foundation for climate



change considerations in all state and county planning and a statewide framework to guide state and county agencies and other stakeholders.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing its effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2745, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2745, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

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