

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 5, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2745
S.D. 1
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 Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2745, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to focus state and county resources on climate change, a major area of statewide concern, by establishing climate change adaptation priority guidelines in the Hawaii State Planning Act.

The Governor and University of Hawaii System supported this bill. The Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu, Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council, Building Industry Association of Hawaii, and American Planning Association-Hawaii Chapter opposed this measure. The Office of Planning, County of Hawaii Planning Department, Windward Ahupua'a Alliance, The Nature Conservancy, and Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by reverting to the Senate Draft 1 by:

- (1) Deleting the requirement that the governing body or planning commission or department of each county take into account a predicted sea level rise of one foot by 2050 when reviewing certain permit applications; and

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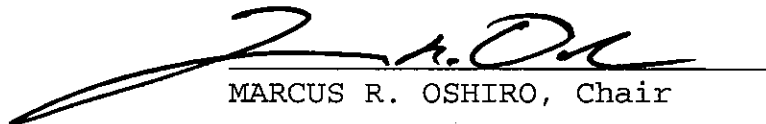
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

This measure was further amended by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, and
- (2) Making additional technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity.

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. 2745, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2745, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



