

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2674

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2782  
S.D. 2

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. 2782, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to protect the watershed forests that replenish our water supplies and provide other benefits to the State's environment.

Written comments in support of this measure were submitted by the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Office of the Mayor-Maui County; Department of Water-County of Kauai; The Trust for Public Land; Hawaii Forest Industry Association; The Nature Conservancy; and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that immediate action is necessary to secure adequate water supply for the State due to hotter, drier conditions and damaged watershed forests that have escalated conflicts over water. Your Committee finds that the funds appropriated by this measure will help protect forest watersheds and aid in replenishing the water supply.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the appropriation amount in Section 2 of this measure to facilitate further discussion; and



- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

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. 2782, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2782, S.D. 2.


Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 2782, SDI	WLH/ENE, 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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" 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	✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	13	0
	0	1
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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