

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 13 2012

RE: S.R. No. 59

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.R. No. 59 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING TO TIMELY CONDUCT AND COMPLETE REGIONAL PLANS AND STUDIES AS REQUIRED BY STATUTE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Office of Planning to timely conduct and complete regional plans and studies, as required by statute.

Written comments in support of this measure were submitted by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee finds that the purpose of the Office of Planning is to maintain an overall framework to guide the development of the State through a continuous process of comprehensive, long-range, and strategic planning. Your Committee also finds that, pursuant to section 225M-2(b)(7), Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Office of Planning is required to conduct regional plans and studies to determine the following:

- (1) The capability of various regions within the State to support projected increases in resident populations and visitors;
- (2) The potential physical, social, economic, and environmental impact on these regions resulting from increases in resident populations and visitors; and

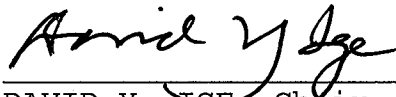


- (3) The maximum annual visitor carrying capacity for the State by region, county, and island.

The Office of Planning is required to conduct these regional plans and studies at appropriate intervals, but not less than once every five years. Your Committee notes that the Office of Planning has allegedly not completed comprehensive, long-range, and strategic planning to meet the needs of the State for the past twenty years. Your Committee believes that the data that would be provided by the regional plans and studies required by section 225M-2(b)(7), Hawaii Revised Statutes, is critical to developing long-term goals for the State's future.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 59 and recommends its adoption.

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.:* SR59	Committee Referral: WLH, WAM	Date: 4/1/12		
<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	9	0	0	5
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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