

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 22, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 427

H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 427, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DARK NIGHT SKIES PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to preserve the quality of  
Hawaii's night sky by establishing a Dark Night Skies Protection  
Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) to assist the Department  
of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism in the development  
of a statewide dark night skies protection strategy.

University of Hawaii, Department of Business, Economic  
Development, and Tourism, Department of Land and Natural  
Resources, and two concerned individuals supported this measure.  
The County of Hawaii Office of the Mayor, Department of  
Transportation, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and a concerned  
individual offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding one member of the Land Use Commission, selected  
by the chairperson of the commission, to the Advisory  
Committee;
- (2) Amending the effective date to July 1, 2050, to  
facilitate further discussion; and

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

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 427, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 427, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Higher Education,

  
JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



