

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 839
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 839, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide accountability and transparency with respect to certain funds and expenditures of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Requires the Auditor to:
 - (A) Conduct a performance audit of the Department of Land and Natural Resources' special land and development fund and land conservation fund, and review contracts, grants, and memoranda of understanding involving those funds; and
 - (B) Conduct an accounting of the funds received and expenditures made by the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the purposes of hosting the 2016 International Union for Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress, including expenditures



of funds appropriated to the Department pursuant to Act 62, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016; and

(2) Appropriates funds to the Auditor for these purposes.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii and two individuals.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of the Auditor, Maunaloa Fishpond Heritage Center, and The Trust for Public Land submitted written comments on the measure.

Your Committee finds that periodic audits of governmental funds are in the public interest. Your Committee anticipates that the information and recommendations gained from the audits and accounting will help legislative and executive branch decision makers to address concerns raised about efficient and effective use of departmental resources.

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 H.B. No. 839, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

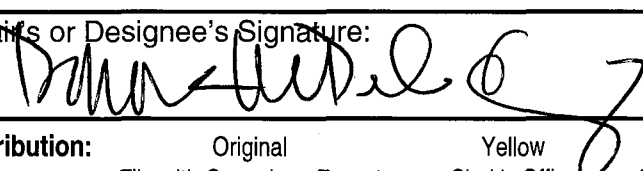


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB 839, HD1, SD1	WTL, WAM	4/3/17
<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	
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/	
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/	
HARIMOTO, Breene	/	
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/	
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/	
RIVIERE, Gil	/	
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/	
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/	
WAKAI, Glenn	/	
TOTAL	11	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 		
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