

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 906

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2017

RE: S.B. No. 1178
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 S.B. No. 1178, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR HE'EIA NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support the He'eia estuary as a National Estuarine Research Reserve.

More specifically, this measure appropriates funds to maintain the initial staff necessary to develop and manage He'eia Reserve and its programs.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii, The Nature Conservancy, Kamehameha Schools, Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, and twelve individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Planning, and the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

Your Committee finds that the State has coordinated with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to nominate the He'eia estuary as a National Estuarine Research Reserve. The He'eia estuary was nominated as a Reserve in 2014, and on January



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19, 2017, the estuary was officially designated as the twenty-ninth site in the National Estuarine Research Reserve System.

Your Committee further finds that funding for initial staffing is essential in order for the He'eia Reserve to succeed in its function within the National Estuarine Research Reserve System. Your Committee notes that designation as a Reserve enables federal funding to support the implementation of the management plan. According to federal regulations, the federal government matches state appropriations on a seventy percent (federal) to thirty percent (state) basis. Your Committee therefore recognizes the importance of providing state funds to support four full-time equivalent initial staffing positions. Although the appropriation in the original version of this measure was \$400,000, your Committee's Chair has received information that the actual amount needed may be less. According to the information, the range may be \$240,800 to \$326,900. Your Committee intends to consider including an appropriation in the general appropriations act for this purpose or, conversely, to use this measure as a vehicle to support these initial staffing positions.

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. 1178, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

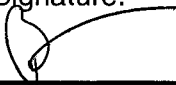


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



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SB 1178, SD1	WTL/HRE, WAM	2/24/17		
<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	8			3
Recommendation:				
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