

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 28 2017

RE: S.B. No. 808
S.D. 1
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

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

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

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 808, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate an unspecified amount of funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the operational expenses and staffing costs of the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts, through the Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs), assists government agencies in identifying and implementing culturally sensitive projects and practices to ensure the protection of Hawaii's environment. Your Committee on Conference also finds that the SWCDs bring significant financial



resources to Hawaii to improve farm practices, reduce erosion, improve water quality, fight invasive species, improve public safety, protect property, conserve water, and strengthen the economy, and also provide education and community support for conservation awareness, and assist each county in reviewing county grading permits and conservation plans. Your Committee on Conference further finds that the SWCD Program does not have a base budget appropriation, and funding is required in order for the SWCDs to continue their activities, which undoubtedly benefit the people of Hawaii.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Updating its purpose section;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$450,000 and appropriating funds for fiscal year 2017-2018 only;
- (3) Changing the source of funds from the general fund to the special land and development fund;
- (4) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2017; and
- (5) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 808, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 808, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.



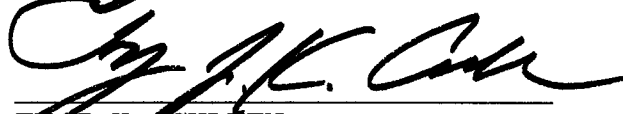
Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE




RYAN L. YAMANE
Co-Chair



J.K. CULLEN
Co-Chair



KARL RHOADS
Chair



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Hawaii State Legislature

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Record of Votes of a
Conference Committee

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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
RHOADS, Karl, Chr.	✓				YAMANE, Ryan I., Co-Chr.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H., Co-Chr.	✓				CULLEN, Ty J.K., Co-Chr.	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L., Co-Chr.				✓	SAY, Calvin K.Y.	✓			
					THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
TOTAL	2	0	0	1	TOTAL	4	0	0	0

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:
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