

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1223

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2017

RE: S.C.R. No. 98

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Government Operations, Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 98 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES TO UPDATE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO ADOPT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STANDARDS THAT ARE AT LEAST AS STRINGENT AS THE FEDERAL STANDARDS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2016, OR JANUARY 1, 2017, WHICHEVER ARE MORE STRINGENT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the applicable state and county agencies to update their administrative rules to retain or implement environmental protection standards found in specified federal laws in existence as of January 1, 2016, or January 1, 2017, whichever provide more stringent standards, regardless of actions taken at the federal level.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Conservation Council for Hawai'i, Animal Rights Hawai'i, Hawaii's Thousand Friends, and six individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from Life of the Land.

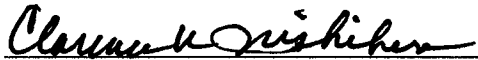
Your Committees find that it will increasingly be the responsibility of state and local governments to safeguard their land and water resources, protect endangered species, and preserve



air quality. Your Committees note that Hawaii, with its exceptional, unique, and delicately balanced resources, the protection of which is vital to the health of the people and economy of the State, must remain vigilant in efforts to preserve its abundance of natural resources. Your Committees find that this is a public health matter of significant importance, and encouraging local leadership to take accountability and assist in ensuring strong environmental standards at a local level will benefit all people of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Government Operations, Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 98 and recommend that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

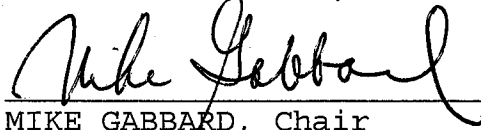
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Government
Operations, Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs, and Agriculture and
Environment,



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



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Committee on Agriculture and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR98	Committee Referral: GVO/PSM/AEN, WAM	Date: 3/28/17		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes