

Honolulu, Hawaii

MARCH 2, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2547
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2547, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure the long-term planning, coordination, and implementation of the State's sustainability goals by:

- (1) Establishing an Office of Sustainability within the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism to guide state sustainability policies; and
- (2) Creating the State Sustainability Special Fund to support the Office of Sustainability and its initiatives.

The Land Use Commission, 350Hawaii.org, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Ulupono Initiative, Hawaii Bioeconomy Trade Association, Hawai'i Interfaith Power & Light, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter, and many concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of the Attorney General, Department of Budget and Finance, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Office of Planning, State Procurement Office, The



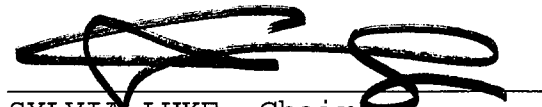
Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i, and Sierra Club of Hawai'i provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the amounts to be deposited into, and appropriated out of, the State Sustainability Special Fund to unspecified amounts; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2547, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2547, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



