

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2691

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2078
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2078 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUEO RESEARCH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct, in collaboration with the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, a two-year breeding ecology study and two-year foraging ecology study on the pueo on Oahu.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; the University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; Na Pueo; Dole Food Co. Hawaii; Hawaii Audubon Society; Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee; Ho'omana Pono, LLC; O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission; Kanehili Cultural Hui; and twenty-seven individuals.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.



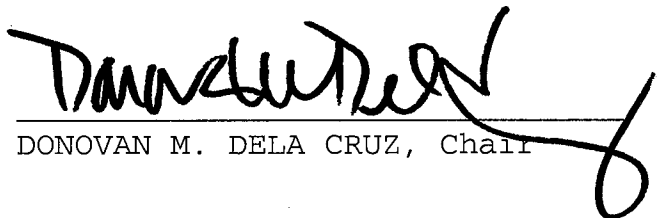
Your Committee finds that the pueo, or Hawaiian short-eared owl, is an endemic subspecies of the short-eared owl that has a special place in Hawaii's culture. Because of the cultural significance and potential ecological benefits of the pueo, it is important to conduct comprehensive studies on the pueo in order to allow researchers to better identify preferred breeding habitats and ensure the continued survivability of the pueo in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation from \$330,063 to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2078, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2078, S.D. 1.

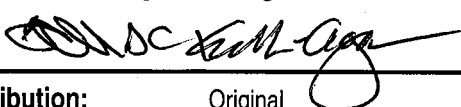
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2078	Committee Referral: AEN/WTL/HRE, WAM	Date: 2/23/18		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				X
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				X
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
TOTAL	9			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes