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Statement of  
**LEO R. ASUNCION**  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**  
Friday, February 23, 2018  
10:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

in consideration of  
**SB 2977, SD1**  
**RELATING TO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

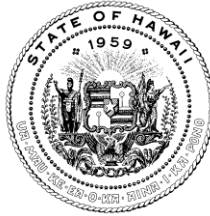
SB 2977, SD1 explicitly directs the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (Climate Commission) to develop reports assessing the impact of the tourism industry on climate change when it is reasonable and cost-effective to do so. The reports shall be made publicly available no later than December 31, 2020, and the Climate Commission shall reevaluate and update the reports every five years.

The Office of Planning (OP) respectfully offers comments on this measure:

- The primary source of income for Hawaii is the visitor sector. Given that Hawaii's major industry is tourism, with its attendant transportation greenhouse gas emissions, it may be beneficial to know tourism's impact on climate change.
- OP appreciates the amendment for the Climate Commission to make the determination if the report is reasonable and cost-effective; and notes that such an inventory may cost an estimated amount of \$400,000 to perform.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Friday , February 23, 2018  
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**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 2977, SENATE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

Senate Bill 2977, Senate Draft 1) proposes to amend Section 225P-3 Hawaii Revised Statutes, related to the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (Climate Commission) by requiring the Climate Commission to develop reports assessing the impact of the tourism industry on climate change; provided that the Climate Commission shall analyze and categorize the data collected to determine the contribution, if any, that the tourism industry has on greenhouse gas emissions when it is reasonable and cost effective to do so. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates the amendments to this measure and will endeavor to assess the contribution of greenhouse gasses from the tourism industry, as is reasonable and cost-effective.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

**SB-2977-SD-1**

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Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Committee	Support	No

Comments:

**OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII'**

THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

THE SENATE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

Friday, February 23, 2018

10:00 AM

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 211

RE: Testimony in Support of SB2676 SD1 RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

To the Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair; the Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Good afternoon. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on Senate Bill No. 2977 SD1, regarding the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission being instructed to assess the effects of tourism on climate change and publish a report on its findings.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of Senate Bill No. 2977 SD1 and support its passage as about one-third of greenhouse gas emissions in Hawaii come from aviation and marine transportation, much of which is driven by visitors.

Senate Bill No. 2977 SD1, is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it instructs the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to assess the effects of tourism on climate change and publish a report on its findings.

Specifically, the DPH Platform provides that "[w]e know that climate change is a real threat to our islands and the world. We strongly urge candidates and elected officials to take immediate action to mitigate and adapt to the consequences of climate change. This includes funding adaptation measures including coastal retreat, effective participation of indigenous peoples in climate change governance, and recognition that indigenous, local, and traditional ecological knowledge is key in climate change adaptation solutions." (Platform of the DPH, P. 8, Lines 435-439 (2016)).

We need to give priority to the development of "green" sustainable industries and businesses. We need financial literacy and asset building programs to strengthen our 'ohana. Green commerce includes biodegradable or recycling packaging. We need to pursue relationships with the information technology industry. We need to invest in world-class higher education to stimulate our economic resources. We need to reduce our dependence on tourism, real estate development, and military. A diversified economy will help to create diversified jobs." (Platform of the DPH, P. 2, Lines 68-73, (2016)).

Given that Senate Bill No. 2977 SD1 instructs the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to assess the effects of tourism on climate change and publish a report on its findings, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours, /s/ Melodie Aduja

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**SB-2977-SD-1**

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Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: