

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

254

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2019

RE: S.B. No. 1262
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 1262 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INCREASED FUNDING FOR LAND CONSERVATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide increased funding for land conservation by removing the annual dollar amount cap of the annual proceeds from the conveyance tax to the land conservation fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, The Trust for Public Land, Ka Makanai O Kohala Ohana, Sustainable Kohala, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, The Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club of Hawaii, and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's natural resources are invaluable to its economy, culture, and quality of life, but an alarmingly small amount of money is invested each year to protect the State's natural capital base. Your Committee also finds that there is a clear nexus between the source of the conveyance tax and providing funding for land conservation since the development, sale, and improvement of real estate in Hawaii creates additional



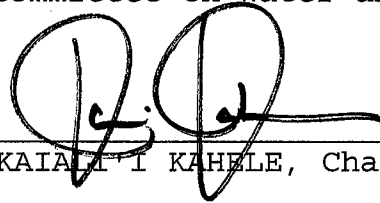
pressure on natural areas, coastal access, agricultural production, and water resources and watershed recharge areas.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation from the land conservation fund for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for resource land acquisition;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of December 31, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1262, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1262, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,

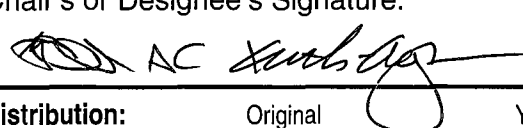


KAIULANI I. KAHALE, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1262	Committee Referral: WTL, WAM	Date: 02-04-19		
<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
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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