

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1701

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 14 , 2019

RE: S.B. No. 944
S.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 944, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to mitigate the effects of climate change by appropriating funds for the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to:

- (1) Prioritize the identification of and recommendations for utilizing nature-based solutions in its climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts; and
- (2) Assess and make recommendations for opportunities for insurance, reinsurance, and other risk transfer mechanisms that incentivize investment in nature-based solutions to climate change.

The Sierra Club of Hawai'i, The Nature Conservancy Hawai'i, Healthy Climate Communities, Hawai'i Shore and Beach Preservation Association, Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and many individuals supported this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources provided comments.

SB944 SD2 HSCR EEP HMS 2019-2947



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 944, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 944 SD 2	Committee Referral: EEP, WLH, FIN	Date: 3.12.19		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. WILDBERGER, Tina (VC)	✓			
3. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
4. TARNAS, David A.	✓			
5. TODD, Chris	✓			
6. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
7. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
TOTAL (7)	7	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. _____ committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Tina Wildberger</u>				
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