

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3786**

Honolulu, Hawaii

JUL 02 2020

RE: H.B. No. 2486
H.D. 2
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2486, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF PLANNING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to promote sustainability in the State.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes within the Office of Planning the Statewide Sustainability Branch;
- (2) Updates the roles and responsibilities of the Office of Planning to require the office to engage in:
 - (A) Sea level rise adaptation coordination;
 - (B) Climate adaptation and sustainability planning and coordination; and
 - (C) Providing assistance to state and county agencies regarding climate change and sustainability;



- (3) Repeals the requirement that the Office of Planning submit to the Governor and Legislature an annual report regarding climate adaptation planning; and
- (4) Requires the State Sustainability Coordinator to serve as the administrator of the Statewide Sustainability Branch.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Department of Transportation, Land Use Commission, Office of Planning, Honolulu Board of Water Supply, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Hawaii Food Industry Association, Healthy Climate Communities, Ponoholo Ranch Limited, and five individuals.

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

Your Committee finds that the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic has caused a substantial negative impact to the State's economy. Your Committee further finds that establishing a Statewide Sustainability Branch within the Office of Planning and updating the office's responsibilities will allow the office to effectuate the necessary levels of sustainability planning to achieve economic recovery and resilience in the State.


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Codifying in statute the requirement that the State Sustainability Coordinator serve as the administrator of the Statewide Sustainability Branch; and
- (2) 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 H.B. No. 2486, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2486, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.



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




DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB2486, HD2, SD1	WTL/AEN, WAM	7/2/20		
<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			
HARIMOTO, Breene				
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	12			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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