

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1277

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 20 2019

RE: H.B. No. 897  
H.D. 2  
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 H.B. No. 897, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES,"

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 Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW).

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii State Fire Council, Honolulu Fire Department, Maui Fire Department, Kaua'i Fire Department, and The Nature Conservancy Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that DOFAW is the primary responder for wildland fires occurring on nearly one million acres of forested watershed and co-responds with federal and county agencies on additional lands in the State. In addition to wildfire suppression, DOFAW serves as part of the State Emergency Response Team to address other emergencies and disasters, such as hurricanes and lava events. Specialized equipment in good working order is essential for DOFAW's success in safely responding to such emergencies throughout the State. DOFAW's other programs include forest restoration via tree planting, enhancement of



recreational forest areas and trails, revenue opportunities through commercially valuable forest products, and management of invasive pests and diseases. This measure appropriates funding for fire and emergency response equipment and a number of DOFAW's forest management programs and positions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making it effective on July 1, 2019.

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 H.B. No. 897, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 897, H.D. 2, 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,



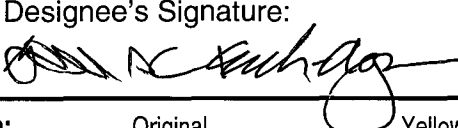
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KAITIANA KAMELE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirtieth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB897, HD2</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WTL, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/13/2019</b>		
<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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
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