

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 13 , 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2696
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Tourism & International Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2696, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GREEN FEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Office of Planning to prepare a feasibility and implementation plan to assess a green fee on a per visitor, per stay basis assessing the current plans and programs to close the conservation funding gap and achieve the Aloha+ Challenge natural resource management 2030 goals;
- (2) Require the Office of Planning to establish an advisory group to advise the office in development of the plan; and
- (3) Make an appropriation for the Office of Planning to prepare the plan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, The Nature Conservancy, Kohala Coast Resort



Association, IMUAlliance, Kohala Institute, and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Planning and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's environment is integral to the experiences of residents and visitors. Your Committee further finds that broadening the scope of the study beyond green fees will support the comprehensive statewide sustainability coordination and implementation of Hawaii's sustainability laws, goals, policies, priorities, and planning throughout government.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing the feasibility and implementation plan with a study that will identify the current plans, programs, funding sequences, and allocations of state revenue to achieve the Aloha+ Challenge natural resource management goals; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2696, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2696, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Tourism &
International Affairs,


RICHARD H.K. ONISHI, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Tourism & International Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2696 SP2	Committee Referral: TIA, EEP/WLH.FIN	Date: 3/12/2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
TIA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ONISHI, Richard H.K. (C)	✓			
2. HOLT, Daniel (VC)	✓			
3. CABANILLA ARAKAWA, Rida	✓			
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.				✓
5. CREAGAN, Richard P.				✓
6. DeCOITE, Lynn	✓			
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
8. OKIMOTO, Val		✓		
TOTAL (8)	5	1	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Don Holt</i>				
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