

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3331**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2777
S.D. 1

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 S.B. No. 2777 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to create a special fund to support the work of the Environmental Council.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes the environmental council special fund;
- (2) Dedicates a portion of the environmental response, energy, and food security tax revenue to the environmental council special fund;
- (3) Appropriates funds to the environmental council special fund from the environmental response revolving fund; and
- (4) Appropriates funds from the environmental council special fund to support the environmental council functions pursuant to section 341-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Hawaii's Thousand Friends and one individual.



The Department of Health, Department of Budget and Finance, and Tax Foundation of Hawaii submitted written comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that the environmental council special fund established by this measure will enhance the Environmental Council's effectiveness as the liaison between the Director of Environmental Quality Control and the general public and as the agency tasked with overseeing state, county, and federal progress toward fulfilling the State's environmental goals and policies.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation amounts from \$50,000 to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) 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 S.B. No. 2777, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2777, S.D. 1.

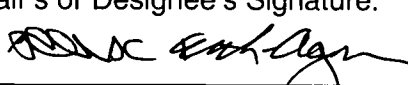
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2777	Committee Referral: AEN, WAM	Date: 2/25/20		
<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				X
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	10			3
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