

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1322

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 , 2021

RE: H.C.R. No. 186

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 186 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES, INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHERIFF DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AND HARBORS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT ITS MISSION IN THIS TIME OF NEED,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge state law enforcement entities, including the Department of the Attorney General, Sheriff Division of the Department of Public Safety, and Harbors Division of the Department of Transportation, to collaborate with the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support its mission in this time of need.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Public Safety, Department of Transportation, and one individual.


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Your Committee finds that the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement of the Department of Land and Natural Resources is responsible for enforcement activities of the Department, including enforcement of all state laws and rules involving state lands, state parks, historic sites, forest reserves, aquatic life, wildlife areas, coastal zones, conservation districts, and state shores, as well as county ordinances involving county parks. However, because the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement is understaffed, there is a lack of enforcement presence to deter illegal activity. This measure would encourage collaboration among state law enforcement entities to protect, conserve, and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural, and historic resources.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 186 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

for   
NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



