

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1422

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2021

RE: S.C.R. No. 56
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,
to which was referred S.C.R. No. 56 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN ECONOMIC
TRANSITION THAT COMBATS CLIMATE CHANGE AND INCORPORATES
CIRCULAR ECONOMY GOALS ROOTED IN ALOHA AINA PRINCIPLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support an
economic transition that combats climate change and incorporates
circular economy goals rooted in Aloha 'Āina principles.
Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requests that all state agencies, in pursuance of the
circular economy principles, convene and participate in
the Hawaii Circular Economy Task Force that supports
Hawaii's transition toward a circular economy by 2035;
and
- (2) Requests that recommendations made by the Hawaii
Circular Economy Task Force achieve the following
objectives:
 - (A) Consideration of circular economy values in
decision-making;



- (B) Incorporation of circular economy principles in future policy and regulatory actions;
- (C) Restoration of 'āina and communities in a manner that elevates local self-sufficiency;
- (D) Supporting efficient processing and reduction of waste streams across economic sectors to produce regenerative impacts on Hawaii's 'āina and resources; and
- (E) Consideration of utilizing the 'Āina Aloha Economic Futures Assessment Tools for decision-making and allocations of resources unless inappropriate.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club, Kaua'i Climate Action Coalition, Kanaeokana Kula Hawai'i Network, Climate Protectors Hawai'i, and forty individuals.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is a leader in climate change and renewable energy generation goals and has the potential to model an economy rooted in centuries of island-based values, such as sustainable practices, environmental health, and community well-being. With the adoption of circular energy goals, Hawaii is poised to become a global leader in the transition toward a circular economy grounded in indigenous values. Your Committee intends that this measure complement the efforts of the newly-established Statewide Sustainability Program.

Therefore, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding the State Sustainability Coordinator to the list of individuals to receive a certified copy of the measure; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 56, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 56, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy, Economic
Development, and Tourism,



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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SCR 56	EET	3/29/21		
<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
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E. (VC)	✓			
LEE, Chris	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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