

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1039

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2021

RE: S.C.R. No. 61
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 Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 61 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE STATE'S
COMMITMENT TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND PRIORITIZE CLIMATE
CHANGE LEGISLATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to reaffirm the State's commitment to combat climate change and prioritize climate change legislation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Americans for Democratic Action; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Climate Protectors Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Planning and Life of the Land.

Your Committee finds that climate change and sea level rise are not only real phenomena but are also two of the most preeminent challenges of the twenty-first century and are pivotal issues for the State. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has projected up to 3.2 feet of global sea level rise by the end of this century, which could cause up to \$19,000,000,000 in damage. Your Committee also finds that the State shall continue its commitment to set ambitious goals for carbon



sequestration, decreased greenhouse gas emissions, and decreased dependence on imported fuels, as the State seeks to obtain one hundred percent of its electricity by 2045 from renewable sources. Your Committee further recognizes the importance of climate literacy and ecological restoration to promote increased public awareness of the climate crisis and the affirmative effort to restore native plants and animals in their local habitats.

Therefore, due to the ecological, economical, health, and security threats posed by the climate crisis, your Committee believes it is necessary to reaffirm its commitment to combat the climate crisis and prioritize climate change legislation that reduces greenhouse gas emissions as laid out in the framework of the 2016 Paris Climate Accord.


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying previously prioritized climate change adaptation actions codified through section 226-109, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as part of the Hawaii State Planning Act;
- (2) Revising the referenced amounts for the final approved fiscal year 2020-2021 budget of the Department of Land and Natural Resources; and
- (3) 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 Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 61, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 61, S.D. 1.



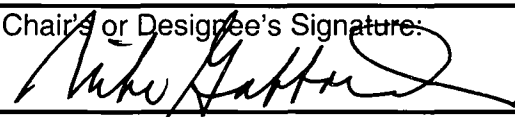
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture and
Environment,


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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SCR 61	AEN	03/12/2021		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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