

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 576

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2021

RE: S.B. No. 1179
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1179, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING FOR THE DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to facilitate funding for the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Allocates a portion of the conveyance tax revenues to the conservation and resources enforcement special fund; and
- (2) Authorizes the conservation and resources enforcement special fund to be used for permanent and temporary staff positions for the conservation and resources enforcement program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and League of Women Voters of Hawaii.



Your Committee finds that the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement has one of the lowest per-person rates of state funding compared to all other state wildlife agencies. Your Committee further finds that the Division is short-staffed and underfunded. Accordingly, your Committee finds that the Division needs appropriate funding to fulfill its mission, especially in light of the recent reduction of funds allocated to the Division due to the coronavirus 2019 pandemic.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (2) 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. 1179, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1179, S.D. 2.

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



DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1179, SD 1	WTL, WAM	2-17-21		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	10			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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