

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

411

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 188
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 188 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CARBON SEQUESTRATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Hawaii Carbon Smart Land Management Assistance Pilot Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission; Pacific Agricultural Land Management Systems; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; The Nature Conservancy, Hawai'i and Palmyra; Hawaii Environmental Change Agents Carbon Sequestration Task Force; and seven individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that climate change has led to an increase in the frequency of extreme weather events, which puts greater stress on the State's vulnerable food supply chain and water supplies. Furthermore, in addition to cutting emissions from burning carbon, Hawaii needs to mitigate climate change by sequestering greenhouse gas emissions through regenerative agriculture and forest preservation. This measure incentivizes

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nature-based actions that improve soil health and sequester carbon resulting in a rich and diverse landscape of soil health and water security.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,000,000.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 188, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 188, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB188	Committee Referral: EEP, FIN	Date: 02 / 9 / 2023		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. COCHRAN, Elle (VC)	✓			
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
4. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
6. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
7. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (7)	7	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Elle Cochran</i></u>				
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