

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1449

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2023

RE: S.C.R. No. 140  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred  
S.C.R. No. 140 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO INVESTIGATE THE CAUSES OF AND  
UPDATE KEY INFORMATION ON, INCLUDING FACTS AND STATISTICS,  
THE DECLINE OF THE CRITICALLY ENDANGERED PALILA (LOXIOIDIES  
BAILLEUI) BIRD ON MAUNA KEA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Department of Land and Natural Resources to investigate the causes  
of and update key information on, including facts and statistics,  
the decline on Mauna Kea of the critically endangered Palila bird  
(Loxioides Bailleui), also known as the finch-billed Hawaiian  
honeycreeper.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawai'i Forest  
Industry Association, and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Palila is a critically  
endangered bird found only in Hawaii, with nearly all of its  
population residing within the Mauna Kea Conservation District on  
Hawaii island. Your Committee further finds that for decades, the  
presence of sheep and goat populations threatened the Mauna Kea  
Mamane-Naio Forest, which contributed to the decline of Palila in



the area. However, despite eradication efforts to remove sheep and goats from the Palila's habitat and the subsequent full recovery of the Mauna Kea Mamane-Naio Forest, the population of mature adult Palila on Mauna Kea is still just one thousand. Therefore, this measure requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources to further study the causes of Palila decline and specifically requests the Department to investigate what effect the eradication of sheep and goats had on the Palila population.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment to its title for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 140, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 140, S.D. 1.

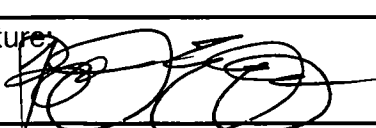
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water and Land,

  
LORRAINE R. INOUÉ, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SCR 140</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WTL</b>	Date: <b>3/24/23</b>		
<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
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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