

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3461**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2024

RE: S.R. No. 191
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.R. No. 191 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO REQUIRE ALL CERTIFIED ARBORISTS IN ITS EMPLOY TO ADHERE TO INDUSTRY BEST PRACTICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to require all certified arborists in its employ to adhere to industry best practices.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from The Outdoor Circle and one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that trees are essential for improving soil health and building climate resiliency in addition to a myriad of other benefits. Your Committee further finds that certified arborists are obligated to perform tree care and maintenance that meets industry standards and best practices. Your Committee concludes that requiring all certified arborists to adhere to industry best practices will ensure that tree care is properly performed in the State.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting findings to define "best practices" to mean adherence to the American National Standards A300 Tree Care standards;
- (2) Clarifying that certified arborists employed by the Department of Land and Natural Resources includes contractors; and
- (3) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose.

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.R. No. 191, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 191, S.D. 1.

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


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 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	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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