

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1267

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and
Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 1267 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Transfer the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission from the Department of Land and Natural Resources to the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development for administrative purposes;
- (2) Remove the manager of the Coastal Zone Management Program from the Commission; and
- (3) Add a representative from the University of Hawaii to the Commission.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Your Committees find that there is a need for a coordinated statewide effort through the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to enhance resilience to climate change impacts, including sea level rise, coastal erosion, drought,



wildfires, and biodiversity loss. Your Committees further find that the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, rather than the Department of Land and Natural Resources, is best equipped to effectively administer the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission. Accordingly, this measure transfers the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission from the Department of Land and Natural Resources to the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development for administrative purposes.

Your Committees have amended this measure by inserting an effective date of January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1267, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1267, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water and Land
and Agriculture and
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair




LORRAINE R. INOUÉ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Committee on Water and Land
WTL

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1267	Committee Referral: WTL/AEN, WAM	Date: 02 / 12 / 25		
<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"><div style="margin-right: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____</div></div>				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"><div><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div></div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</div></div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"></div>				
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