STAND. COM. REP. NO. **503** -24

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2024

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RE: H.B. No. 2665

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Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2665 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE PLAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish objectives, policies, and priority guidelines for the implementation of green infrastructure, vegetation, and trees in state facility systems, infrastructure, transit projects, and other areas;
- (2) Require the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, in partnership with the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force, to make recommendations for implementing these objectives, policies, and priority guidelines; and
- (3) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Climate Protectors

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Hawai'i; Trees for Honolulu's Future; Outdoor Circle; and five individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the State must increase the implementation of green infrastructure and green spaces to help reduce carbon emissions, improve air quality, replenish the water table, and promote the physical and mental health of the state's residents. This measure addresses this need by establishing objectives, policies, and priority guidelines for the implementation of green infrastructure, vegetation, and trees in state facility systems, infrastructure, transit projects, and other areas.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2665, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2665, 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

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

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☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold 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)		V/			
2. COCHRAN, Elle (VC)					
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega					
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4. KAHALOA, Kirstin					
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.					
6. WOODSON, Justin H.					
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TOTAL (7)		6			
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, committee acronymes Adopted did not support recommendation.					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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