

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 15, 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2721
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 2721 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDFIRE PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Fireshed Partnership Program within the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Maui Fire Department; Honolulu Fire Department; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

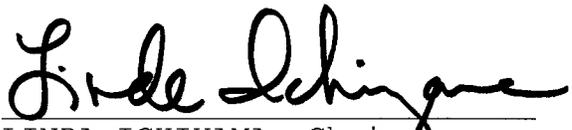
Your Committee finds that the Fireshed Partnership Program is modeled after the Watershed Partnerships, which have united multiple landowners and expanded the State's capacity to tackle watershed and native ecosystem protection. The Fireshed Partnership Program will enhance fire fuel source mitigation by allowing for broader planning and more cohesive fire fuel reduction projects across landowner boundaries.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2721, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2721, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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


LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: HB2721	Committee Referral: WAL, FIN	Date: 02/08/24		
<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)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ICHIYAMA, Linda (C)	✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. CHUN, Cory M.	✓			
4. GANADEN, Sonny				✓
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. MIZUNO, May Besario	✓			
7. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
TOTAL (9)	8			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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