

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1493

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 92

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs,  
to which was referred S.R. No. 92 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO  
IMPLEMENT XERISCAPING TO DECORATE ROADWAYS, MEDIAL STRIPS,  
ROUNDBABOUTS AND OTHER AREAS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of  
Transportation to implement xeriscaping to decorate roadways,  
medial strips, and roundabouts, and other areas under its  
jurisdiction.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Transportation (Department).

The goal of xeriscaping is to create a visually attractive  
landscape by using drought-tolerant plants and grasses in  
combination with irrigation techniques. A properly maintained  
xeriscape can easily use less than one-half the water of a  
traditional landscape. A xeriscaped area not only reduces the  
amount of water used compared to traditional landscapes, but also  
reduces the amount of maintenance needed for watering,  
fertilizing, mowing, trimming, and pruning. Xeriscaping is  
ideally suited for the needs of the Department and would provide  
aesthetic, economic, and environmental benefits for the Department  
and the State.

According to testimony of the Department, it is in the  
process of developing its Sustainable Statewide Landscape Master

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Plan, in which policies and guidelines will be developed for plant selection and maintenance requirements for landscaping projects around the State, including the inclusion of xeriscaping.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 92 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Transportation and  
International Affairs,



J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair



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**Committee on Transportation and International Affairs**  
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