STAND. COM. REP. NO. 571

Honolulu, Hawaii Fenzo, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 281 H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 281, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to prioritize the use of federal economic stimulus funds that are distributed to the states for the reestablishment of an emergency environmental workforce (workforce). The workforce will temporarily employ between 400 and 450 people who lost their jobs in the current recession to provide contract employees to state and county agencies in need of environmental clearance and eradication services for the eradication of invasive species and other ongoing environmental improvement programs.

The Conservation Council for Hawaii testified in support of this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

(1) Directing the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) to identify and develop a policy framework for action to seek partnerships and opportunities to address the need for a highly skilled and well-trained "green collar" workforce to meet the needs of an emerging "green economy" sector;



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- (2) Appropriating funds for DBEDT to carry out its mandate;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2009; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

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. 281, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 281, H.D. 2, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection,

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HERMINA MORITA, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:			Date:		
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.						
The recommendation is to: D Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) D Hold						
Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)						
EEP Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)		Nays	Excused
1. MORITA, Hermina M. (C)		\checkmark				
2. COFFMAN, Denny (VC)						
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3. CABANILLA, Rida						V
4. CHANG, Jerry L.		\checkmark				
5. CHONG, Pono		\checkmark				
6. HAR, Sharon E.		\checkmark				
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10. LUKE, Sylvia						
11. SAGUM, Roland D., III		\checkmark				
12. CHING, Corinne W.L.						\mathcal{V}
13. THIELEN, Cynthia						
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TOTAL (13)		11	0		0	2
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted						
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.						
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Denny Collins						
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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