

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3059

S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Economic Development and Technology and
Water, Land, and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 3059
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to implement the
recommendations made by the University of Hawaii Public Policy
Center in response to Act 181, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, by
requiring the Office of Planning to:

- (1) Convene a working group to establish guidelines for the
Hawaii statewide sustainability partnership;
- (2) Determine key indicators for measuring sustainability
and establish benchmarks for measuring short-term and
long-term progress;
- (3) Translate the sustainability principles set forth in Act
181, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, into clear objectives,
specific actions, and accountability measures; and
- (4) Coordinate sustainability progress among the State and
counties, including data collection, analysis, and
reporting of accountability measures.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Planning; University of Hawaii System; Office



of Economic Development, County of Kauai; The Nature Conservancy; Hawaii Green Growth Initiative; and one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the State Procurement Office, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, and Building Industry Association of Hawaii.

Your Committees find that considerable work has already begun to identify sustainability programs and efforts throughout the State and to obtain further input through a community survey of organizations and individuals interested in and conducting work in sustainability. Your Committees further find that major progress has been made by each of the counties. The counties of Hawaii and Kauai have adopted sustainability plans. The City and County of Honolulu and Hawaii and Kauai counties have established a sustainability coordinator or manager position, and Maui County has an environmental coordinator.

Your Committees commend the collaborative efforts of those involved in meeting the State's sustainability goals, and are in support of the new initiatives in this measure.

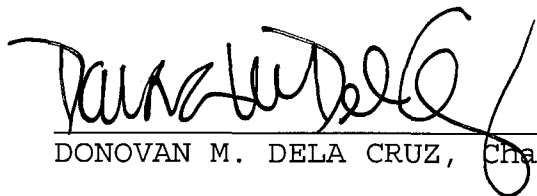
Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding representatives of county government and energy, environment, agricultural, and community organizations to the membership of the working group; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development and Technology and Water, Land, and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3059, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3059, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Economic
Development and Technology and
Water, Land, and Housing,


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