STAND. COM. REP. NO. 612

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE:

S.B. No. 1143

S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1143, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support the activities of the Office of Environmental Quality Control.

More specifically, the purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the environmental review special fund to:
 - (A) Support and maintain technology systems for the Office;
 - (B) Support outreach, training, education, and research regarding environmental stewardship; and
 - (C) Provide for the hiring of adequate staff for the Office;
- (2) Establish fees to enhance the activities of the Office of Environmental Quality Control; and
- (3) Authorize the Office to expend \$25,000 out of the environmental review special fund.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of Environmental Quality Control, the Conservation Council for Hawaii, and the Nature Conservancy.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

Your Committee finds that this measure is a reasonable and appropriate means to support the operations of the State Office of Environmental Quality Control, which administers the environmental review law under chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Your Committee also finds that this measure promotes the State's interest in improving, maintaining, and protecting the environment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote further discussion on the measure;
- (2) Amending the appropriation to an unspecified amount; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1143, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1143, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

Arriel Myler
DAVID Y. IGE, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Seventh Legislature State of Hawai'i

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)			:		
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)		V			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne		V			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.		V			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani					
ESPERO, Will		V			1.
KAHELE, Gilbert					
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	······································				
KOUCHI, Ronald D.					
RUDERMAN, Russell E.					
THIELEN, Laura H.					
TOKUDA, Jill N.					
SLOM, Sam					
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature: huhlle A. Sidani					
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