DAVID Y. IGE GOVERNOR

July 12, 2016

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 12, 2016, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1029 HD1 SD1

RELATING TO THE ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY COMMITTEE ACT 257 (16)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2015
STATE OF HAWAII

## ORIGINAL ACT 257 H.B. NO. H.D. 1

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY COMMITTEE.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 195D-25, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There is established within the department for

4 administrative purposes only, the endangered species recovery

5 committee, which shall serve as a consultant to the board and

6 the department on matters relating to endangered, threatened,

7 proposed, and candidate species. The committee shall consist of

8 two field biologists with expertise in conservation biology, the

9 chairperson of the board or the chairperson's designee, the

10 ecoregion director of the United States Fish and Wildlife

11 Service or the director's designee, the director of the United

12 States Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division or the

13 director's designee, the [director] dean of the University of

14 Hawaii [Environmental Center] at Manoa college of natural

15 sciences or the [director's] dean's designee, and a person

16 possessing a background in native Hawaiian traditional and

17 customary practices, as evidenced by:

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1	(1)	A college degree in a relevant field, such as Hawaiian
2		studies, native Hawaiian law, native Hawaiian
3		traditional and customary practices, or related
4		subject area;
5	(2)	Work history that demonstrates an appropriate level of
6		knowledge in native Hawaiian traditional and customary
7		practices; or
8	(3)	Substantial experience in native Hawaiian traditional
9		and customary practices.
10	Nongovernmental members shall be appointed by the governor	
11	pursuant to section 26-34. Nongovernmental members shall not	
12	serve for more than two consecutive terms. Nongovernmental	
13	members shall serve for four-year staggered terms, except that	
14	one of the members first appointed shall serve for two years.	
15	Governmental members from the federal agencies are	
16	requested but not required to serve on the committee. The	
17	ability of the committee to carry out its functions and purpose	
18	shall not be affected by the vacancy of any position allotted t	
19	a federal governmental member."	
20	SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed	
21	and stric	kon New statutors material is undergoored

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SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 12 day of

JUL , 2016

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