

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

694

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6

, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 437

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 437, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE NATURAL
RESOURCE GOALS OF THE ALOHA+ CHALLENGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support the natural resources management goals of the State by recognizing the target goals of the Aloha+ Challenge and appropriating funds for:

- (1) Projects undertaken in accordance with watershed management plans;
- (2) Projects that prevent and mitigate invasive species infestations in the State;
- (3) Equipment for fire, natural disaster, and emergency response; and
- (4) Sustainability and improvement of public lands, including restoration of forests and other areas that promote outdoor recreation.

The Conservation Council for Hawaii, County of Kauai
Department of Water, Kauai Watershed Alliance, Hanalei Watershed
Hui, Nature Conservancy, Big Island Invasive Species Committee,
Hawaii Invasive Species Council, Mauna Kea Watershed Alliance,

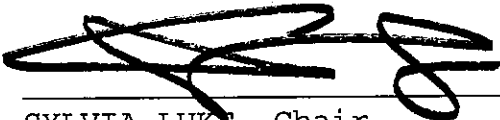
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Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Green Growth, West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership, Oahu Invasive Species Council, Kauai Invasive Species Council, National Tropical Botanical Garden, Pu'u Kukui Watershed Preserve, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, Pono Project LLC, and several concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 437, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 437, HD1	Committee Referral: EEP/WAL, ETN	Date: 2/27/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.	/			
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	/			
5. DECOITE, Lynn	/			
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
7. JORDAN, Jo	/			
8. KEOHOKALOOLE, Jarrett	/			
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	/			
10. LOWEN, Nicole E.	/			
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
12. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			/
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
14. POUHA, Feki	/			/
15. WARD, Gene				
TOTAL (15)	13			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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