STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1456

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 1 0 2015

RE: H.B. No. 440 H.D. 1 S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 440, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys for forest conservation, watershed management, emergency response, and forest and outdoor recreation improvement.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Fire Council, National Park Service, The Nature Conservancy, Conservation Council for Hawaii, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, East Maui Irrigation Co., Ltd., East Maui Watershed Partnership, Hawaii Green Growth, Kauai Watershed Alliance, Oahu Invasive Species Committee, West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that forest conservation and access are critical to sustain Hawaii's natural environment. However, climate change significantly threatens Hawaii's freshwater supplies, and the quality, quantity, and sustainability of this resource depends upon ensuring that forest watersheds are resilient to drought conditions. Further, extreme natural disasters, such as wildfires and hurricanes, are expected to



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increase in frequency and severity, and additional resources are necessary to prepare for and respond to these emergencies. Your Committee further finds that funding is necessary to improve forest and outdoor infrastructure so that residents and visitors may continue to experience and enjoy Hawaii's natural environment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion.

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 H.B. No. 440, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 440, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

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

JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

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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
TOKUDA, JIII N. (C)					-
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)		1			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne					
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.		V			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani		V			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood					\checkmark
HARIMOTO, Breene		\checkmark			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.		\checkmark			
RIVIERE, Gil		\checkmark			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.					\checkmark
SLOM, Sam					
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