Honolulu, Hawaii

April 8

, 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2906

H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2016 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2906, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SECTION 13 OF ACT 380, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 1997,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to permanently allow the use of new safe harbor agreements, habitat conservation plans, and incidental take licenses as recovery options for conserving and protecting the State's threatened and endangered species. This measure also requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to submit biennial reports to the Legislature on safe harbor agreements.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Kamehameha Schools, Sempra US Gas and Power, and Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii provided testimony in support of the 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 S.B. No. 2906, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

SYLVIA LUKE. Chair

State of Hawaii



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2906, HD2	Committee Referral: EEP, JUD, FIN		Date: 4/5/16	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR) Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	1/			
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. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
10. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				
11. LOWEN, Nicole E.			_	
12. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
15. POUHA, Feki				
16. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (16)	. (6			
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature.				
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