

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

649

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2015

RE: S.B. No. 435
S.D. 2

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 S.B. No. 435, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAIIAN PLANTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require that all publicly funded landscaping projects include a minimum percentage of Hawaiian plants, in order to contribute to a Hawaiian sense of place, reduce the use of non-native invasive plant species, and support the preservation of Hawaii's cultural and ecological heritage.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Judiciary, Department of Transportation, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, State Procurement Office, a Councilmember from the Kauai County Council, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Hawaii Green Growth, The Nature Conservancy, Kua'aina Ulu 'Auamo, King Kamehameha HCC, and twelve individuals. Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Your Committee finds that the use of Hawaiian plants in landscaping on public works is essential to preserving a Hawaiian sense of place. Greater use of native plants is also important for cultural preservation, biodiversity, biosecurity, and ecosystem management. Your Committee believes that publicly



funded landscaping should embody Hawaii's cultural and ecological heritage through the use of Hawaiian plants.

Your Committee recognizes that there may be concerns about the complexities of complying with this measure during the procurement process. However, your Committee believes that any remaining issues concerning procurement may be addressed and resolved as the measure advances through the legislative process.

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

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. 435, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 435, S.D. 2.

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



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB435 SD1</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">EVO, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2/27/15</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	10	0	0	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">M. D. M.</div>				
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