

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 895

S.D. 1 H.D. 2 C.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 895, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL TRESPASS,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the offense of criminal trespass onto state lands to prohibit a person from entering or remaining unlawfully in or upon any improved state land, or in or upon any state land on or under any highway, subject to certain conditions and exemptions;
- (2) Amend the offense of criminal trespass in the second degree by clarifying the signage posting requirements that provide notice to a person entering or remaining unlawfully on agricultural lands or unimproved or unused

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lands without permission and to a person entering or remaining unlawfully in or upon the premises of any public housing project or state low-income housing project, subject to certain conditions;

- (3) Require the Department of the Attorney General to submit a written report to the Legislature prior to the Regular Sessions of 2018, 2019, and 2020, regarding the extent to which the criminal trespassing laws have been utilized; and
- (4) Clarify that this measure does not affect Native Hawaiian traditional and customary rights as set forth in the Hawaii State Constitution.

Your Committee on Conference finds that it is unclear whether existing criminal trespass laws apply to improved state lands, state land on or under any highway, or unfenced, unenclosed, or unsecured agricultural lands owned by the State. This measure addresses the application of criminal trespass laws with respect to state lands to provide a stronger and clearer deterrent to illegal activity.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the signs posted along the boundary lines that provide notice to the public regarding trespassing or property closure hours shall be placed at reasonable intervals no less than three signs to a mile along a boundary line of the property;
- (2) Prohibiting a conviction of the offense of criminal trespass onto state lands from being used to establish a felony conviction of the offense of habitual property crime under section 708-803, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (3) Changing the effective date to upon approval; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 895, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 895, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

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Chair



Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

RYAN A. YAMANE

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SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO

Co-Chair

Hawaii State Legislature

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Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

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