STAND. COM. REP. NO.

423

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 ' 2021

RE: H.B. No. 331

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 331, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE PLAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish objectives, policies, and priority guidelines in the Hawaii State Planning Act to promote the use of green infrastructure, vegetation, and trees in state facility systems, infrastructure, and transit projects; and
- (2) Require the Office of Planning, in partnership with the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force, to report to the Legislature with recommendations for implementing the green infrastructure objectives, policies, and priority guidelines.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Office of Planning, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, 350Hawaii, Climate Protectors Coalition, Trees for Honolulu's Future, and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that sustainable design concepts for public infrastructure incorporate green vegetation and trees, which can produce significant improvements to mental health and have positive psychological and quality of life benefits in a community. This measure ensures the establishment of critical ecosystem services in the State and demonstrates the State's commitment toward a zero emissions clean economy by 2045.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 331, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection,

NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:	- 11. 1.	- <i>1</i>
HB 331, HDI	GVR, EEP, FI	N	2/16/2	21
☐ 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)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	/			
2. MARTEN, Lisa (VC)				
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3. HASHEM, Mark J.				
4. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.				
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.				
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8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren				<u> </u>
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TOTAL (8)	6	0	0	2
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: his Mats				
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