

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1915 -22

Honolulu, Hawaii
, 2022

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RE: S.B. No. 2059
S.D. 1
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2059, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE SYMBOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to designate 'ōhi'a lehua as the state endemic tree.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii State Aha Moku, Aloha Arborist Association, Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, Carol Kwan Consulting LLC, Wild Kids, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the 'ōhi'a lehua is an endemic plant species in Hawaii with unique cultural, ecological, and economic importance. Your Committee further finds that 'ōhi'a lehua are under increasing threat from environmental pressures such as climate change, invasive species, and a fungal pathogen called rapid 'ōhi'a death, which has killed over one million 'ōhi'a lehua trees on the island of Hawaii alone. Designating 'ōhi'a lehua as the official state endemic tree recognizes the importance of the plant species to the State, which will hopefully lead to effective

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conservation and growth of healthy 'ōhi'a lehua forests across the Hawaiian islands.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that made the 'ōhi'a lehua the state endemic tree effective so long as the Legislature does not otherwise provide; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2059, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2059, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2059, SD1, HD1	Committee Referral: CAJ, JHA	Date: 3-21-22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	✓			
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)	✓			
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	✓			
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	✓			
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
11. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (11)	11	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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