

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1170-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 , 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2768
S.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 Water & Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 2768, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Governor to designate the Department of Land and Natural Resources to administer or enter into an agreement for the administration of a green jobs youth corps to provide temporary work and training opportunities in the fields of natural resource management, agriculture, or other sustainability-related professions to young adults ages thirty-eight and younger; and
- (2) Require the Department to partner with an organization that has received accreditation from the Corps Center of Excellence Accreditation Program or has at least ten years of experience providing similar programming statewide in the State, or both.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawai'i State

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Energy Office, Kupu, The Nature Conservancy - Hawai'i and Palmyra, Hawai'i Forest Industry Association, Hawaii Fish Company Inc., Re-use Hawai'i, Hawai'i Green Fee, Food+ Policy Internship 2022, Climate Protectors Hawaii, and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that Act 9, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, established a workforce and training program that, among other achievements, funded a short-term green jobs program. Your Committee further finds that Act 181, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, subsequently authorized the Governor to designate the Department of Land and Natural Resources to administer or enter into an agreement or agreements for the administration of a green jobs youth corps program to provide temporary work and training opportunities in natural resource management, agriculture, conservation, renewable energy, or other sustainability professions, prioritizing participation by young adults between twenty and forty years of age. The nonprofit organization Kupu was selected to administer the green jobs youth corps program.

Your Committee further finds that under the green jobs youth corps program, known as the Kupu Aina Corps, over three hundred fifty displaced workers and recent graduates were matched with work and training opportunities across the State. Kupu's partnership with conservation and agricultural host sites enabled individuals to work in their own communities while also supporting Hawaii's economy and environment. This measure promotes economic diversification in the State in partnership with a qualified community organization.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2768, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water & Land,



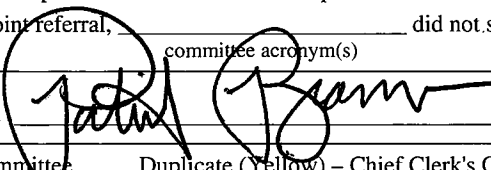
DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2768 SD2	Committee Referral: WAL, FIN	Date: March 17, 2022		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. BRANCO, Patrick Pihana (VC)	✓			
3. GANADEN, Sonny	✓			
4. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
5. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
8. McDERMOTT, Bob				✓
TOTAL (8)	7			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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