

Honolulu, Hawaii MAR 17 , 2022

RE: S.B. No. 3192 S.D. 2 H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 3192, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- Establish a visitor impact fee program to collect fees to allow visitors to visit state-owned natural areas on state-owned land;
- (2) Establish the Environmental Legacy Commission to allocate the revenues from the visitor impact fee to protect and manage Hawaii's natural resources; and
- (3) Establish and appropriate funds into and out of the Visitor Impact Fee Special Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawai'i Tourism Authority; Mahiku A'o Mai; Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Wild Kids; The Nature Conservancy - Hawai'i and Palmyra; Resources Legacy Fund; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition;

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Surfrider Foundation, Hawai'i Region; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Sustainable Coastlines Hawai'i; Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association; Maui Hotel & Lodging Association; Ka Leo O Nā 'Ōpio; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance, Tax Foundation of Hawaii, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's natural resources, including reefs, beaches, oceans, forests, streams, estuaries, and shorelines, provide irreplaceable and invaluable benefits to visitors and the global community at large. However, Hawaii's natural environment faces significant pressure from heavy use due to tourism. Collecting fees paid by visitors who enjoy Hawaii's public parks, beaches, and trails could generate funding each year to offset the adverse impacts of visitors and provide additional resources to restore, enhance, and protect, in perpetuity, Hawaii's state-owned natural resources.

Your Committee notes that an appropriate visitor impact fee should be no less than \$25 and believes this issue merits further discussion by your Committee on Labor and Tourism and your Committee on Finance.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- Clarifying that a valid school identification card used to establish residency in the State must be from a school in Hawaii;
- (2) Specifying that the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources may increase the visitor impact fee by rule no more frequently than once every five years; and
- (3) 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 Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3192, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto

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as S.B. No. 3192, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Labor & Tourism.

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

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NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: 5B 3192, 5D Z	Committee EEP,	Referral: LAT, FI		^{**} 3/15/2	022
□ 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)					
3. HASHEM, Mark J.		1			
4. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.			<u>n an an</u>		
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.					
6. TODD, Chris					
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunan	e				
8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren		/			
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TOTAL (8)		7			1
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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