

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3574

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31 2022

RE: S.C.R. No. 243

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 243 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENGAGING, ENDORSING, ACCEPTING, AND ADOPTING THE NEW YORK DECLARATION ON FORESTS TO ACHIEVE THE UNITED NATIONS PARIS AGREEMENT AND THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT; SPECIFICALLY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 15, LIFE ON LAND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to engage, endorse, accept, and adopt the New York Declaration on Forests to achieve the United Nations Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Climate Protectors Hawai'i, 350Hawaii.org, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is often recognized as a global leader in sustainability and climate change adaptation. Hawaii's forests are particularly important to the State's sustainability goals and leadership in climate change adaptation. In addition to their importance to the State's sustainability goals and climate change adaptation, Hawaii's forests



significantly improve the quality of life for residents and visitors. This measure engages, endorses, accepts, and adopts the New York Declaration on Forests to support the State's efforts regarding the United Nations Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, specifically Sustainable Development Goal 15, Life on Land.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 243 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture and  
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SCR 243</i>	Committee Referral: <i>AEN</i>	Date: <i>03/28/22</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
ACASIO, Laura	/			
RHOADS, Karl	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt		/		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Laura Acasio</i>				
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