

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1582

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 , 2023

RE: S.B. No. 1521  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water & Land and Agriculture & Food  
Systems, to which was referred S.B. No. 1521, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE LAND USE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Office of  
Planning and Sustainable Development to develop an integrated land  
use study that incorporates various studies to serve as a guide  
for planning and decision making on the use of agricultural lands.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Land Use  
Commission, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Hawaii  
State Energy Office, Hawai'i Farmers Union United, Hawaii Gas,  
Hawaiian Electric, Ulupono Initiative, and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.  
Your Committees received comments on this measure from the  
Department of Agriculture and Ka Ohana O Na Pua.

Your Committees find that a comprehensive land use analysis  
is needed to review and incorporate the State's twenty-first  
century climate and sustainability targets and housing targets  
into future land use proposals.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

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- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

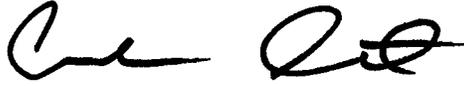
Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of:

- (1) \$700,000 for the establishment of six full-time equivalent (6.0 FTE) positions in the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop definitive data and submit a report and related expenses;
- (2) \$750,000 for the update of various state functional plans of the Hawaii State Energy Office, Department of Agriculture, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Transportation, and Hawaii Tourism Authority, to be allocated equally among the five agencies; and
- (3) \$1,215,000 for the establishment of seven full-time equivalent (7.0 FTE) positions in the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development and related expenses.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Agriculture & Food Systems that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1521, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1521, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Water & Land and  
Agriculture & Food Systems,



CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair



LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair





