

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3460

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2024

RE: S.C.R. No. 216  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred  
S.C.R. No. 216 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO REQUIRE ALL CERTIFIED ARBORISTS IN  
ITS EMPLOY TO ADHERE TO INDUSTRY BEST PRACTICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the  
Department of Land and Natural Resources to require all certified  
arborists in its employ to adhere to industry best practices.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from The Outdoor Circle and one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the  
Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that trees are essential for improving  
soil health and building climate resiliency in addition to a  
myriad of other benefits. Your Committee further finds that  
certified arborists are obligated to perform tree care and  
maintenance that meets industry standards and best practices.  
Your Committee concludes that requiring all certified arborists to  
adhere to industry best practices will ensure that tree care is  
properly performed in the State.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting findings to define "best practices" to mean adherence to the American National Standards A300 Tree Care standards;
- (2) Clarifying that certified arborists employed by the Department of Land and Natural Resources includes contractors; and
- (3) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 216, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 216, S.D. 1.

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

  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Water and Land**  
**WTL**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SCR 216</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WTL</b>	Date: <b>3/27/24</b>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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