

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1439

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01 2025

RE: S.R. No. 40

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.R. No. 40 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP A NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the United States government to establish a national biodiversity strategy.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawai'i Food+ Policy.

Your Committees find that the State is home to a significant number of endemic species and habitats of great ecological, cultural, historical, and scientific value that must be protected for current and future generations. Your Committees recognize that the ongoing biodiversity crisis poses a direct threat to the security, health, and well-being of Hawaii's residents by diminishing critical ecosystem services and increasing the State's vulnerability to invasive species and natural disasters. A national biodiversity security strategy, as urged by this measure, would support the coordination and planning needed to reduce the threat of invasive species and identify the need for additional funding and capacity to manage and protect Hawaii's native species.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 40 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and Agriculture and Environment,



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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



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GLENN WAKAI, Chair





The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SR40</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EIG/AEN</b>	Date: <b>3/21/25</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>MC</sup> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>MC</sup> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)	✓			
DECOITE, Lynn				✓
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <span style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Karl Rhoads</span>				
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