

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 29 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2983
S.D. 1
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2983, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to establish the offense of criminal destruction of a tree on state or county property, punishable as a misdemeanor.

Your Committee on Conference finds that trees growing on state or county property supply the public with valuable recreational, environmental, and aesthetic benefits. This measure deters the unwarranted destruction of these natural and community resources by establishing the conduct as a criminal offence.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

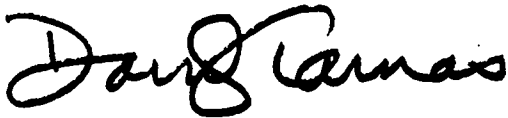
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As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2983, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2983, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE



DAVID A. TARNAS
Chair

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



ANGUS W. MCKELVEY
Chair



KARL RHOADS
Co-Chair



Hawai'i State Legislature

Record of Votes of a
Conference Committee

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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K., Chr.	✓				TARNAS, David A., Chr.	✓			
RHOADS, Karl, Co-Chr.	✓				POEPOE, Mahina	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha				✓	GARCIA, Diamond				✓
TOTAL	2	0	0	1	TOTAL	2	0	0	1

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:
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