

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1436-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 , 2026

RE: S.B. No. 3253
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 3253, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSERVATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Hawaii Conservation Sanctuary as a nonprofit entity to protect and expand populations of endangered species and other native wildlife in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition.

Your Committee finds that numerous species in Hawaii are on the brink of extinction, including indigenous birds found nowhere else in the world. Your Committee further finds that conservation sanctuaries can dramatically increase the population of endangered species while serving as educational centers and visitor destinations that can generate revenue. Your Committee recognizes that nonprofit models for the establishment and operation of endangered species sanctuaries provide more flexibility for management, operations, innovation, and community engagement.

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This measure establishes a nonprofit entity to create and manage endangered species sanctuaries.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3253, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature **HSCR 1436-26**

Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 3253 SDA HD1	Committee Referral: WAL, EEP, FIN	Date: 3/24/26		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)	✓			
3. CHUN, Cory M.	✓			
4. KAHALOA, Kirstin				✓
5. KUSCH, Matthias	✓			
6. QUINLAN, Sean				✓
7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
TOTAL (7)	5			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Amy Perruso</u>				
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