

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1311
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 1311 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FEES FOR HABITAT CONSERVATION PLANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Land and Natural Resources to collect fees to cover the technical assistance program costs associated with developing, reviewing, and monitoring habitat conservation plans; and
- (2) Require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to adopt rules for establishing the fees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Earthjustice.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has over three hundred eighty threatened or endangered species. The Department of Land and Natural Resources is responsible for issuing incidental take licenses and evaluating, processing, and approving habitat conservation plans to help protect threatened and endangered species. Often times, landowners request assistance from the Department in developing these plans. This process is very technical in nature and labor intensive. This measure will allow

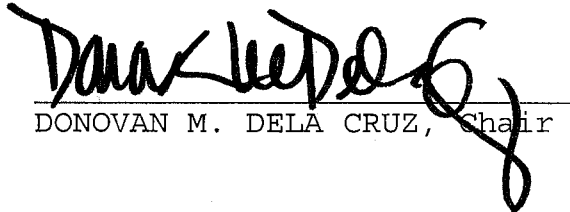


the Department of Land and Natural Resources to collect fees to cover the program costs associated with helping landowners in the development, review, and monitoring of habitat conservation plans.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1311, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1311, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

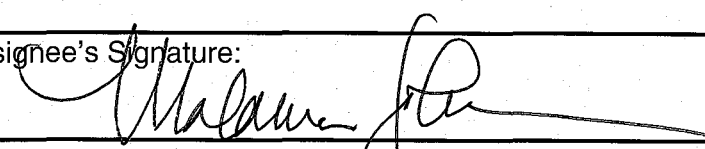
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, and
Housing,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB1311	WLH IWAM	2-15-11		
<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				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	/			
SOLOMON, Malama (VC)	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
RYAN, Pohai	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
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Recommendation:				
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