

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2167

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2906

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 2906 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SECTION 13 OF ACT 380, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 1997,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to remove the sunset date of Act 380, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, as amended, to permanently allow the use of new safe harbor agreements, habitat conservation plans, and incidental take licenses as recovery options for conserving and protecting the State's threatened and endangered species.

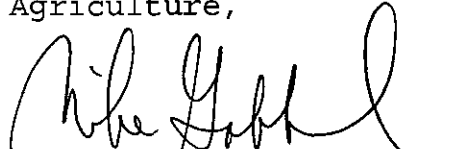
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, and Semptra U.S. Gas & Power.

Your Committee finds that, as the endangered species capital of the world, Hawaii needs flexibility in its laws to ensure state and federal agencies and private landowners can work cooperatively to protect and conserve endangered species while allowing for responsible development activities and economic growth. Your Committee further finds that safe harbor agreements, habitat conservation plans, and incidental take licenses have proven to be invaluable tools in the process of recovering the State's endangered species and that it is therefore imperative that these tools remain available options.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2906 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



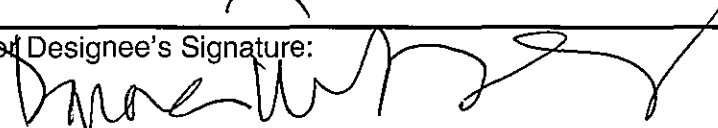
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MIKE GABEARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 2906	WLA, WAM	02-08-16
<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"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)		/
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/	
RIVIERE, Gil	/	
RUDERMAN, Russell E.		/
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/	
THIELEN, Laura H.	/	
WAKAI, Glenn	/	
SLOM, Sam	/	
<b>TOTAL</b>	7	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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