

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1120

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2017

RE: H.B. No. 427  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Higher Education and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 427, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DARK NIGHT SKIES PROTECTION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to preserve dark night skies in Hawaii by establishing a Dark Night Skies Protection Advisory Committee.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Conservation Council for Hawai'i; and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation, Land Use Commission, Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, and one individual.

Your Committees find that dark night skies hold important cultural, scientific, astronomical, natural, landscape, and tourism-related value. Your Committees further find that light pollution, caused by inappropriate use of lighting at night, interferes with dark night sky activities and the nighttime activities of certain animal and insect species. Your Committees also find that nighttime illumination of state highways, harbors,



airports, and other facilities is costly and consumes large amounts of energy. Your Committees recognize that light pollution is a statewide issue that requires the cooperation of state and county agencies to develop and implement a strategy to reduce nighttime light pollution to help preserve Hawaii's dark night skies for astronomy, endangered species, human health, and reduced energy consumption.

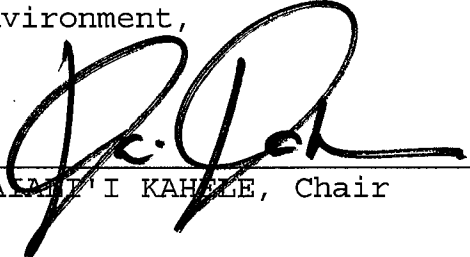
Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the member of the Land Use Commission from the Advisory Committee;
- (2) Making the measure effective upon its approval; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 427, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 427, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Higher Education  
and Agriculture and  
Environment,

  
MIKE GABBARD, Chair

  
KAMEHAMEHA I KAHALE, Chair



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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
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				✓
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
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Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✕			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	✕			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✕
RHOADS, Karl	✕			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✕			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
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