

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2018

RE: S.C.R. No. 68

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 68 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE REVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT RULES, TITLE 11, CHAPTER 200, HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Environmental Council to submit a report to the Legislature on the process of revising environmental impact statement rules, title 11, chapter 200, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Environmental Quality Control and O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that the Environmental Council serves as a liaison between the Director of Health and the public on matters concerning ecology and environmental quality, monitors the progress of state, county, and federal agencies in achieving the State's environmental goals and policies, and publishes its findings in its annual reports. Your Committee further finds that the Environmental Council's administrative rules were last revised in 1996. The Environmental Council, with assistance from University of Hawaii law students, met throughout 2017 to prepare



revised rules and will soon hold public hearings pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, on the working draft version 0.4 of the proposed revised rules.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 68 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture and
Environment,




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 68	Committee Referral: AEN	Date: 3/21/18		
<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)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
RHOADS, Karl	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes