

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1610

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2019

RE: S.C.R. No. 124  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred  
S.C.R. No. 124 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR, IN  
COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES, TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A TREE PLANTING  
PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the  
Governor, in coordination with the Department of Land and Natural  
Resources, to establish and implement a tree planting program that  
provides for the planting in Hawaii of at least one million native  
trees per year over the next four years.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the O'ahu Island Parks Conservancy and four individuals. Your  
Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of  
Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that there are numerous benefits to  
planting trees, including carbon sequestration; nutrient cycling;  
watershed filtration; enhanced groundwater recharge; diminished  
water loss from evaporation and transpiration; reduced erosion,  
runoff, and airborne pollution; nitrogen and phosphorous leaching  
removal; flood control; urban heat island effect mitigation;  
wildlife habitat preservation; increased shade; and the creation



and expansion of recreational and culturally important areas. Your Committee supports tree planting efforts for reforestation and urban landscaping. Your Committee also finds that the tree planting project presents an opportunity for the State and City and County of Honolulu to work together on completion of the lei of green from Diamond head to Aloha Tower, as a model for state-wide expansion.

Your Committee notes the concerns of the Department of Land and Natural Resources and acknowledges the need of funding to meet the demands for tree planting support envisioned by this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting findings regarding the lei of green and requesting that completion of the lei of green from Diamond Head to Aloha Tower be done as part of the tree planting program;
- (2) Urging the Office of Planning to assist the Department of Land and Natural Resources in establishing and implementing the tree planting program; and
- (3) 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 and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 124, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 124, S.D. 1.

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



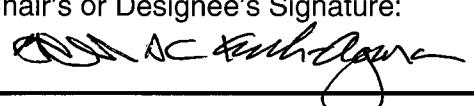
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KAIMUKI KAMELE, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Water and Land**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SCR124</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WTL, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/18/2019</b>		
<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
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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