

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1613

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2019

RE: S.R. No. 85

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.R. No. 85 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PRIORITIZE THE PLANTING OF FOUR MILLION TREES ALONG STREETS AND ROADWAYS WITHIN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS TO HELP ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE AND MAKE COMPLETE STREETS STATEWIDE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Governor to prioritize the planting of four million trees along streets and roadways within the next four years to help address climate change and make complete streets statewide.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that a single tree intakes carbon dioxide and releases oxygen into the air; can absorb as much as forty-eight pounds of carbon dioxide per year and sequester one ton of carbon dioxide by the age of forty years; and also absorbs odors and pollutant gases and filters particulates out of the air by trapping the particulates on its leaves and bark. Your Committee further finds that increased planting of trees along roadways can increase shade and enhance safety for pedestrians. Your Committee finds that the State can benefit from the planting



of additional trees along streets in an effort to sequester carbon, remove pollution, beautify and make complete streets, and reduce the severity of vehicle crashes.

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.R. No. 85 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

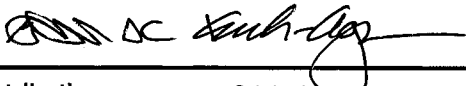


KAIULANI I. KAMELE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water and Land
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SR 85</i>	Committee Referral: <i>WTL, WAM</i>	Date: <i>3/18/19</i>		
<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
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
TOTAL	<i>3</i>			<i>2</i>
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