STAND. COM. REP. NO. <u>205</u> Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: S.B. No. 277

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.B. No. 277 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES," begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and The Nature Conservancy. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure provides a legislative vehicle should funding become available for the purposes of this measure prior to the end of the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium.

Your Committee's intent in recommending this measure for passage is for the adjustments expressed to be incorporated into the General Appropriations Act of 2019 or other appropriate legislative vehicle or to be adopted separately. As such, your Committee requests your Committee on Ways and Means to incorporate the adjustments expressed by this measure into the appropriate legislative vehicle or amend this measure to include any provisions necessary to effectuate its purpose and intent.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 277 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 and Land,

KAIALI'I KAHELE, Chair