

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1927 -24

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 19 , 2024

RE: S.C.R. No. 27
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 27, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO ERADICATE OCTOCORAL AND OTHER INVASIVE SPECIES FROM PEARL HARBOR,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage the United States Navy to eradicate octocoral and other invasive species from the waters of Pearl Harbor.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Military Affairs Council.

Your Committee finds that octocoral and other invasive species are threatening Pearl Harbor's maritime ecosystem. As stewards of the waters of Pearl Harbor, the United States Navy is responsible for eradicating these invasive species before they spread to other areas within state waters.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Amending its title;
- (2) Urging the United States Navy to provide the Department of Land and Natural Resources with regular updates on the status of eradication efforts and the extent of invasive octocoral;
- (3) Requiring that a certified copy of this measure be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 27, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 27, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



