

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3433

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2024

RE: S.R. No. 55

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.R. No. 55 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO PRESERVE,
PROTECT, AND RESTORE LIMU KALA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Legislature to preserve, protect, and restore limu kala to the full extent of its capability.

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

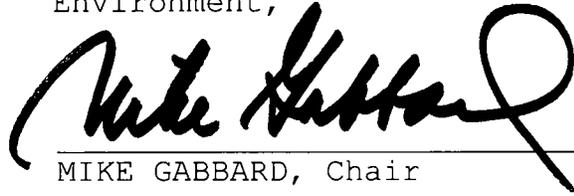
Your Committee finds that the Legislature recognized the critical role of limu kala in Hawaii's nearshore ecosystems and Native Hawaiian history and culture through the passage of Act 230, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, which designated limu kala as the state limu of Hawaii. However, populations of this endemic species of limu have been severely damaged by the ongoing effects of climate change, development, and runoff. This measure seeks to further support healthy reefs and nearshore ecosystems in the State by urging the protection and restoration of limu kala populations.

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.R. No. 55 and recommends its adoption.

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



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)				✓
DECOITE, Lynn	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Karl Rhoads*

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