

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

304

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2025

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RE: H.B. No. 1137

H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 1137 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESTORATION OF BEACH LANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of "beach restoration" to expand the types of activities the State recognizes as restorative and beneficial to beach lands in response to sea level rise and beach loss.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program and Climate Resilience Collaborative; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the existing definition of "beach restoration" is limited to the placement of sand on eroded beaches and that other activities, such as sand management, native vegetation management, and removal of abandoned materials from public beaches are restorative and beneficial to beach restoration. This measure will provide the Department of Land and Natural Resources with flexibility to proactively manage and care for beach resources.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

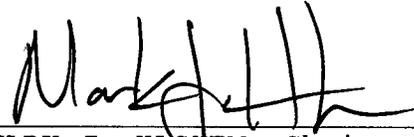
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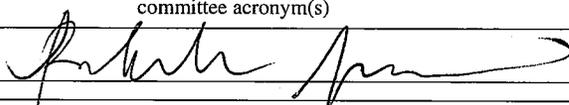
- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1137, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1137, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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

  
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MARK J. HASSEM, Chair

Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 1137</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WAL, JHA</b>	Date: <b>2/4/2025</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
<b>WAL Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. <b>HASHEM, Mark J. (C)</b>	/			
2. <b>LAMOSAO, Rachele F. (VC)</b>	✓			
3. <b>BELATTI, Della Au</b>	/			
4. <b>ICHIYAMA, Linda</b>	/			
5. <b>IWAMOTO, Kim Coco</b>	/			
6. <b>MORIKAWA, Dee</b>	/			
7. <b>POEPOE, Mahina</b>	/			
8. <b>WOODSON, Justin H.</b>	/			
9. <b>SHIMIZU, Garner M.</b>	✓			
10. <b>SOUZA, Kanani</b>	/			
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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