

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1233

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1220

H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1220, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to support the efforts of the Division of Aquatic Resources of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to remove the majano anemone from Kaneohe Bay.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, Hawai'i Invasive Species Council, University of Hawai'i System, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, Ohana Unity Party, and three individuals.



Your Committees find that the majano anemone is a highly invasive species that spreads rapidly and aggressively and is capable of outcompeting native coral species for space and resources, posing a severe threat to the delicate coral reef system of Kaneohe Bay. If left unchecked, the majano anemone could decimate coral populations in the bay, destabilize the ecosystem, and harm marine life, including the fish populations that depend on healthy reefs. Your Committees also find that the Division of Aquatic Resources of the Department of Land and



Natural Resources has proposed a multi-phase removal strategy tailored to the biology of the majano anemone. Accordingly, this measure may prevent further damage and spread of the majano anemone, ensuring that the State's coral reefs and marine ecosystems remain healthy and vibrant.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1220, H.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water and Land
and Agriculture and
Environment,


MIKE GABBARD, Chair
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair

The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water and Land
WTL

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 1220 HD1	Committee Referral: WTL/AEN, WAM	Date: 03/19/25										
<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								
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓											
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓											
CHANG, Stanley				✓								
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓								
DECORTE, Samantha	✓											
TOTAL	3	0	0	2								
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted												
Chair's or Designee's Signature:												
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