

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 345
H.D. 2

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 345, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE SHRIMP,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish 'ōpae 'ula as the state shrimp.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Hawai'i Wildlife Fund; Hawai'i Ocean Legislative Task Force; and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that anchialine pools, or wai 'ōpae, are ecologically and culturally significant ecosystems unique to Hawaii that serve as critical habitats for native species, including the endemic 'ōpae 'ula shrimp. Designating 'ōpae 'ula as the state shrimp will raise awareness about the importance of anchialine pool conservation and the threats posed by invasive species, coastal development, and pollution.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical amendment for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

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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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 345, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 345, H.D. 2.

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



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



