

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

527

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 47

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 Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred H.B. No. 47, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUACULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Division of Animal Industry of the
Department of Agriculture to adopt, amend, and repeal
rules to develop an assessment and approval process to
import and move aquatic livestock in the State; and
- (2) Require and appropriate funds for the Division of Animal
Industry to develop that process through a biological
aquatic risk-based framework.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Invasive Species
Council; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Hawai'i Food+
Policy; Kowa Premium Foods Hawaii Corporation - Big Island
Abalone; Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association; Hawai'i
Farm Bureau; Kohala Mountain Fish Company; Hawai'i Farmers Union;
and two individuals.



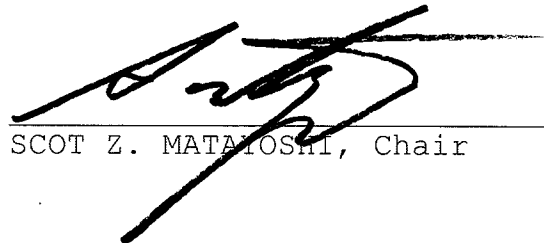
Your Committee finds that the State is home to some of the most unique and biodiverse marine ecosystems in the world. However, these ecosystems are highly sensitive to external influences, including the introduction of non-native aquatic species. Without a robust and comprehensive approval process, there is a significant risk of introducing invasive species, pathogens, or other harmful elements that could disrupt native habitats and harm local fisheries. This measure provides authority for the development of a comprehensive assessment and approval process to protect the environment and resources.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the development of the biological aquatic risk-based framework is to be under the direction and oversight of the State Aquaculture Veterinarian; and
- (2) Specifying that aquatic animal import permits valid on the effective date of the measure and that were vetted in public hearing and approved by the Plant and Animal Committee and the Board of Agriculture shall be carried over to the Division of Animal Industry and remain in force.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 47, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 47, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



SCOT Z. MATAIOSHI, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 47 , HD 1		Committee Referral: AGR , CPC , FIN		Date:
<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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (C)	✓			
2. CHUN, Cory M. (VC)	✓			
3. ILAGAN, Greggor	✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
5. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco	✓			
6. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
7. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
8. MARTEN, Lisa	✓			
9. TAM, Adrian K.	✓			
10. PIERICK, Elijah	✓			
TOTAL (10)	10			
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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