

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 948

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1456

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1456 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to expand the types of activities the State recognizes as restorative and beneficial to beach lands.

Specifically, the measure amends the definition of the term "beach restoration," as used in applicable statutory law relating to the restoration of beach lands, to mean activity undertaken to:

- (1) Maintain and improve beaches and dune systems through management of sand and native dune vegetation;
- (2) Place sand on an eroded beach from an approved outside or adjacent source, with or without stabilizing structures; or
- (3) Remove abandoned remnant materials from beaches and dunes that pose a risk to public health and coastal ecosystems.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii System, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Waikiki Beach Special Improvement District



Association, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Free Access Coalition, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee recognizes the dire threat that sea level rise poses to the State's coastal communities, coastal ecosystems, natural resources, and beaches. Your Committee believes that this measure appropriately revises applicable law to help ensure the continued care of the State's beaches in the face of this threat.

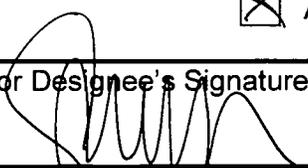
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1456 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair

The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB1456	WTL, WAM	2-27-25		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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