

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

780

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 27 2025**

RE: S.B. No. 841  
S.D. 1

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. 841, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to conserve and protect state marine resources.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish a marine life conservation district carrying capacity program; and
- (2) Appropriates moneys for the program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural resources, Kua'aina Ulu `Auamo, and one individual.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Ocean Tourism Coalition.

Your Committee finds that a carrying capacity study conducted at the Pupukea Marine Life Conservation District pursuant to Act



31, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, identified long-term management options to reduce the impact of humans on the health and abundance of marine life within that district. Your Committee further finds that the approach taken at the Pupukea Marine Life Conservation District should serve as a model for all marine life conservation districts in the State.

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. 841, S.D. 1, 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**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB841 SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WTL, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-19-2025</b>		
<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				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
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			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____				
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