Honolulu, Hawaii

Fel 7, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2398

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, to which was referred H.B. No. 2398 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII OCEAN AND COASTAL COUNCIL."

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect Hawaii's ocean and coastal resources by statutorily establishing a Hawaii Ocean and Coastal Council (Council).

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT), Department of Health, Department of Transportation, University of Hawaii, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Department of Planning of the County of Maui, Tourism Liaison of DBEDT, and the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs testified in support of this bill.

Your Committee finds that in 2005, the Governor, through Executive Order No. 2005-01, established the Council. The Council was directed to gather information and provide advice and recommendations on direction and planning for addressing Hawaii's ocean and coastal concerns. The Council, however, is scheduled to be terminated by the end of the Regular Session of 2006. This bill would make the Council a permanent body.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2398 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources,

EZRA R. KANOHO, Chair

## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature

## HSCR 92-06

## Record of Votes of the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2398  Date: 2/3/06				
Committee Referral: WLO, FIN	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	☐ Pass, with amendments			
☐ Hold	□ Recommit			
WLO Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KANOHO, Ezra R. (C)	V,			
2. SCHATZ, Brian (VC)				
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.	<b>√</b>			
4. CARROLL, Mele	<u>√</u>			
5. EVANS, Cindy				$-\nu$
6. HARBIN, Bev	i/			
7. MORITA, Hermina M.	V			_
8. WATERS, Tommy				
9. MEYER, Colleen Rose				_ <i>\</i>
10. THIELEN, Cynthia				
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TOTAL	7			3
The recommendation is:  Adopted  Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's of designee's signature:				
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