

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 13 2007

RE: S.R. No. 61

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was referred S.R. No. 61 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON CERTAIN AQUATIC SURF RESOURCES IN THE STATE INCLUDING THE COST OF FUNDING A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING ARTIFICIAL REEFS, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Department of Land and Natural Resources report to the Legislature on certain aquatic surf resources in the State, including the cost of funding a study on the feasibility of constructing artificial reefs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the sport of surfing has increased in popularity extensively over the last century with over one hundred thousand surfers living on Oahu, causing overcrowding and unsafe surfing areas and conditions.

Your Committee further finds that most of the surf that is formed near the shore is caused by waves breaking over fragile coral reefs and that new technological advances may now make the creation of artificial reefs for surfing cost-effective.

Your Committee further finds that, in addition to having the potential to be cost-effective, artificial reefs also provide an

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ideal habitat for marine life and may promote the health and wellness of the community by providing greater access to the sport of surfing. An additional benefit would be the simultaneous reduction of congestion at popular surf locations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 61 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy and  
Environment,



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RON MENOR, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes  
Committee on Energy and Environment  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SR 61</b>	Committee Referral: <b>ENE</b>	Date: <b>4/12/07</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				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
MENOR, Ron (C)	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L. (VC)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				✓
TRIMBLE, Gordon	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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