STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE:

H.B. No. 1848

H.D. 2

S.D. 1

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

## Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1848, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to establish the maka'i o ke kai community grant program to assist communities in near-shore resource management and monitoring.

## The measure also:

- (1) Engages local communities in the management of Hawaii's near-shore fishery resources; and
- (2) Establishes a community task force to advise the Department of Land and Natural Resources in its fisheries rulemaking process.

Your Committee received comments in support of the measure from the Nature Conservancy of Hawaii and seven concerned individuals. The Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Mayor of Maui County, and ten concerned individuals submitted comments on this measure. The Malama Maunalua submitted comments in opposition to the measure.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's near-shore reef fisheries have declined by seventy-five per cent over the past century due

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to over-use, run off, sedimentation, and invasive species. Scientists estimate that commercial reef-fish species, such as o'io, weke, and kumu have declined by more than seventy-five per cent in the past one hundred years.

The maka'i o ke kai program is a partnership in marine resource enforcement, education, outreach, monitoring, and surveillance between local community members and the Department of Land and Natural Resources, as well as other resource managers and regulators.

This measure supports the maka'i o ke kai program by enabling communities to directly manage the marine resources surrounding their communities to ultimately preserve and protect Hawaii's near-shore habitat.

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 H.B. No. 1848, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

ROSALYN H 🕽 BAKER, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

## Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

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| The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.                           |                  |          |                |         |
| If so, then the previous decision was to:   |                  |          |                |         |
| The Recommendation is:  |                  |          |                |         |
| Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313                         |                  |          |                |         |
| Members   | Аує              | Aye (WR) | Nay            | Excused |
| BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)   | /                |          |                |         |
| TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)   |                  |          |                |         |
| CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne   |                  |          |                |         |
| ENGLISH, J. Kalani  |                  |          |                |         |
| FUKUNAGA, Carol   | /                |          |                |         |
| HOOSER, Gary L.   |                  |          |                |         |
| KIM, Donna Mercado  |                  |          |                |         |
| MENOR, Ron  |                  |          |                |         |
| TOKUDA, Jill N.   |                  |          |                |         |
| HEMMINGS, Fred  | /                |          |                |         |
| WHALEN, Paul  |                  |          |                |         |
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| Recommendation:  Adopted Not Adopted  |                  |          |                |         |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature:  |                  |          |                |         |
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