

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1671

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 23 2015

RE: H.C.R. No. 119
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred
H.C.R. No. 119 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY OF LIMU AND
REEF FISH DECLINE IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE EWA COAST OF OAHU,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Department of Land and Natural Resources to study the causes of
the decline of limu and reef fish for the area of the Ewa Coast of
Oahu that stretches from the easternmost point of Pu'uloa to
Barber's Point, and develop recommendations on what actions need
to be taken to stop the decline and replenish the limu and reef
fish supply.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Aha Moku Advisory Committee; University of Hawaii Alumni
Association; and three individuals. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural
Resources.

Your Committee finds that there has been a steep decline of
limu along the Ewa Coast of Oahu. Limu played an important part
in the ancient Native Hawaiian diet. Your Committee further finds
that the Ewa Coast of Oahu is also experiencing a markedly steep
decline in reef fish. Over-picking and over-fishing, improper
harvesting, climate change, urban development, stream flow
diversion, and invasive species are among the factors that can



cause declines in the supply of limu and reef fish, and ultimately the destruction of Hawaii's coral reefs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the language referencing the necessity to determine the causes of declines since a study is not needed;
- (2) Clarifying that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested to provide a report to the Legislature of its recommendations on what actions are needed to stop the decline and replenish the supply of limu and reef fish from the easternmost point of Pu'uloa to Barber's Point;
- (3) Amending the title accordingly; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 119, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 119, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,



LAURA H. THIELEN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water and Land
WTL

Bill / Resolution No.:* HCR 119	Committee Referral: WTL	Date: 04-20-15		
☐ The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: ☐ Pass, unamended 2312 ☒ Pass, with amendments 2311 ☐ Hold 2310 ☐ Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
THIELEN, Laura H. (C)	X			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)				X
IHARA, Jr., Les				X
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
SLOM, Sam	X			
TOTAL	5	0	0	2
Recommendation: ☒ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: G. Riviere				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO STOP THE DECLINE AND
REPLENISH THE SUPPLY OF LIMU AND REEF FISH IN CERTAIN AREAS
OF THE EWA COAST OF OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, limu and fish in Hawaii's coral reefs are of
2 tremendous economic, cultural, and ecological value; and
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4 WHEREAS, limu is a significant cornerstone of Native
5 Hawaiian culture, used by Native Hawaiians in conflict
6 resolution ceremonies and in traditional medicinal practices;
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9 WHEREAS, these plants of the sea are food for fish and key
10 indicators of environmental health and activity; and
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12 WHEREAS, limu played an important part in the ancient
13 Native Hawaiian diet, and today, limu has many culinary
14 applications enjoyed by Native Hawaiians and many others; and
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16 WHEREAS, once abundant, there has been a steep decline of
17 limu along the Ewa Coast of Oahu; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Ewa Coast of Oahu is also experiencing a
20 markedly steep decline in reef fish; and
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22 WHEREAS, over-picking and over-fishing, improper
23 harvesting, climate change, urban development, stream flow
24 diversion, and invasive species are among the factors that can
25 cause declines in the supply of limu and reef fish, and
26 ultimately the destruction of Hawaii's coral reefs; now,
27 therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
4 Land and Natural Resources is requested to provide a report of
5 recommendations on what actions need to be taken to stop the
6 decline and replenish the supply of limu and reef fish from the
7 easternmost point of Pu'uloa to Barber's Point; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
10 Natural Resources is requested to submit a report of its
11 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
12 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
13 the Regular Session of 2016; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
17 Board of Land and Natural Resources.
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