STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2464

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3063

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2018 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 3063 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF BEACHES ON THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize and appropriate funds for the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program to conduct an economic analysis of North Shore beaches for the area of the North Shore of O'ahu that stretches from the Kawailoa to Waiale'e ahupua'a to estimate the economic value of North Shore beaches.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program, Sierra Club of Hawai'i, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the northwest-facing shoreline on the North Shore of O'ahu, which stretches from the Kawailoa to Waiale'e ahupua'a, is a spectacular coastline of primary importance to state residents and visitors from around the world for its beautiful sandy beaches, famous surf breaks, recreational opportunities, marine resources and wildlife, and vistas. However, the true economic value of North Shore beaches is currently unquantified and therefore, likely undervalued. Because

the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program has demonstrated the capacity and capability to conduct the type of economic analysis needed for North Shore beaches, having quantitative economic and natural resource value estimates of North Shore beaches will assist local decision-makers regarding critical issues, such as coastal land use, shoreline management, and applications for armoring of the shoreline for private development.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3063 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on <u>Hig</u>her Education,

KAIALI'I KAITHE, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Ninth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

## Record of Votes Committee on Higher Education HRE

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:		
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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		Aye	Aye (W	R)	Nay	Excused
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)					_	
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)						
CHANG, Stanley		,				
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	N-					
KIDANI, Michelle N.						
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Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted						
Chair's or Designee's Signature:						
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