STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3463

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 5 2018

RE: S.C.R. No. 123 S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 123, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION TO PROHIBIT INDIVIDUALS FROM APPROACHING WITHIN FIFTY FEET OF A HAWAIIAN MONK SEAL EXCEPT WHEN PROVIDING AID TO THE HAWAIIAN MONK SEAL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to prohibit individuals from approaching within fifty feet of a Hawaiian monk seal except when providing aid to the Hawaiian monk seal.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Keiko Conservation, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaiian monk seal is one of the world's most critically endangered species of marine mammal. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has reported that a number of habituated seals have become a serious safety risk to humans, or have suffered injuries as a result of human infringement and interaction. Your Committee further finds that Hawaiian monk seals are protected by the Endangered Species Act, which makes it illegal under federal law to harass the seals. To provide protection for Hawaiian monk seals from human interaction, this measure urges the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to prohibit individuals from approaching within fifty feet of a Hawaiian monk seal unless the individual is a licensed professional who is qualified to provide aid to the seal.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 123, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary,

BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chai

The Senate Twenty-Ninth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary JDC

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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 (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)		/			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)					
GABBARD, Mike					
KIM, Donna Mercado					
THIELEN, Laura H.		/			
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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