

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1261
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 1261 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Department of Land and Natural Resources to enter into the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact or similar agreement for mutual assistance in the enforcement of wildlife laws.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaiian Humane Society, For the Fishes, and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Association for Justice.

Your Committee finds that the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact is a multistate agreement that promotes enforcement of hunting, fishing, trapping, and other wildlife related regulations across jurisdictions and could prevent wildlife violators who have lost their hunting, fishing, trapping, or other wildlife related privileges in other member states from obtaining a hunting license in Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact is a common sense way for states to share information on violators who have lost their hunting,



fishing, trapping, or other wildlife related privileges and that Hawaii should be participating in this agreement.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have provided civil liability immunity to employees of the Department of Land and Natural Resources administering or enforcing the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of December 31, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1261, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1261, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



KAIALA'I KAMELE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1261	Committee Referral: WTL, JDC	Date: 02-04-19		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes