

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

556

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 98
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 98, H.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 strengthen the penalties for violations of the State's aquatic resources law.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Ocean Tourism Coalition.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's aquatic resources are limited and need greater protection under the law than what is currently in place. The increased penalties proposed in this measure are long overdue and will help support the Department of Land and Natural Resources' efforts to protect and conserve aquatic resources in the short- and long-term.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that any equipment, article, instrument, aircraft, vehicle, vessel, business record, or other



asset used in fishing, possession, or sale of aquatic life in violation of the aquatic resources law can be seized and forfeited; and

- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 98, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 98, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,




MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 98 HD1	Committee Referral: WAL, JHA, FIN	Date: 2-16-21		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	✓			
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)	✓			
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	✓			
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	✓			
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.				✓
10. TODD, Chris	✓			
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				✓
12. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (12)	10	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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