STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1274

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 , 2021

RE: H.C.R. No. 159

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 159 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO WORK WITH THE INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE ON UNDERWATER MUNITIONS' INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD ON UNDERWATER MUNITIONS TO SEEK AND SECURE FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE NON-DESTRUCTIVE DISPOSAL OF THOUSANDS OF TONS OF UNDERWATER MUNITIONS DUMPED, LOST, OR ABANDONED IN HAWAIIAN WATERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to work with the International Dialogue on Underwater Munitions' International Scientific and Technology Advisory Board on Underwater Munitions to seek and secure federal funding for the non-destructive disposal of thousands of tons of underwater munitions dumped, lost, or abandoned in Hawaiian waters.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Kauai Women's Caucus, International Dialogue on Underwater Munitions, and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that decaying underwater munitions, including unexploded ordnance, pose a threat to the health and safety of humans and marine life. Your Committee further finds that coordinated efforts are needed to safely dispose of underwater munitions abandoned in Hawaiian waters while ensuring the protection of the corals and sea life and prevention of harmful algae blooms.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 159 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

Jus Camas

DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair

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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 159	Committee Referral: WAL, FIN			Date: 3/23/21		
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.						
The recommendation is to:   ✓ Pass, unamended (as is) □ Pass, with amendments (HD) □ Hold □ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)						
WAL Members		Ayes	Ayes (W	R)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)						933
2. BRANCO, Patrick Pihana (VC)						
3. GANADEN, Sonny		1				
4. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand		/				
5. KONG, Sam Satoru		7				
6. MORIKAWA, Dee		/				
7. OHNO, Takashi						
8. McDERMOTT, Bob						
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TOTAL (8)		7				1
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  Confinite agronym(s)						
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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