

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

273

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 17 2021**

RE: S.B. No. 573

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 573 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDLIFE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require all habitat conservation plans to include an agreement for plan participants to enter into and maintain an annual service contract with a stand-by and response facility available to provide emergency medical and rehabilitation services to native wildlife affected by activities undertaken within the plan area.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, one member of the Hawai'i County Council, Hawai'i Wildlife Center, and six individuals.

Your Committees acknowledge that Hawaii's unique ecosystem is under constant threat by natural and manmade causes and that habitat conservation plans are one means of mitigating against this threat. Your Committees find that the annual service contract requirement proposed by this measure could help to fulfill the requirement under existing law that each habitat conservation plan identify the steps that will be taken to



minimize the impact of any incidental take to the maximum extent practicable.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 573 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Agriculture and  
Environment and Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental, and Military  
Affairs,



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



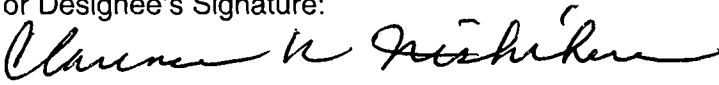
MIKE GABBARD, Chair





The Senate  
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**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 573</i>	Committee Referral: <i>AEM/PSM, JDC</i>	Date: <i>Feb 10, 2021</i>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)				/
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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