

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1908

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 19 , 2021

RE: S.C.R. No. 159
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 159, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO EXAMINE AND CONSIDER PURCHASING REEF INSURANCE TO SUPPORT NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS TO PROTECT HAWAII'S COASTLINES AND COASTAL INFRASTRUCTURE FROM NATURAL DISASTERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to examine and consider purchasing reef insurance to protect the State's coastlines and coastal infrastructure from natural disasters.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and The Nature Conservancy.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's reefs provide millions of dollars in revenue from fishing and tourism, as well as coastal protection, cultural renewal, and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike. Reefs are the first line of defense to protect coastlines and coastal infrastructure, and focused investment to build and repair their resilience is essential to preserving this natural infrastructure. Your Committee further

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finds that erosion and chronic flooding are predicted to increase as a result of sea level rise. The Nature Conservancy's recently completed feasibility assessment for reef insurance in Hawaii reveals there may be interest and applicability in the islands, and the Department of Land and Natural Resources has indicated its support for exploring this option.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 159, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,


AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>SCR 159 SD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>WAL, CPC</i>	Date: <i>4/15/21</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (C)	✓			
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KONG, Sam Satoru		✓		
7. MIZUNO, John M.				✓
8. MORIKAWA, Dee		✓		
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
10. TARNAS, David A.	✓			
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
TOTAL (11)	<i>8</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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