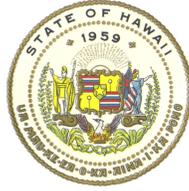


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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senator Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Monday, February 8, 2021
1:00 PM**

Via Video Conference, State Capitol, Conference Room 229

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 1175
RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT**

Senate Bill 1175 proposes to authorize the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to enter into the interstate wildlife violator compact or similar agreement for mutual assistance in the enforcement of wildlife laws. **The Department strongly supports this Administration measure.**

The protection of the wildlife resources of the state is materially affected by the degree of compliance with state statutes, laws, regulations, ordinances, and administrative rules relating to the management of such resources. Violation of wildlife laws interferes with the management of wildlife resources and may endanger the safety of persons and property.

The Wildlife Violator Compact includes a reciprocal recognition of license privilege suspension by member states, thus any person whose license privileges are suspended in a member state would also be suspended in Hawaii. Wildlife law violators will be held accountable due to the fact that their illegal activities in one state can affect their privileges in all participating states. This cooperative interstate effort will enhance the State of Hawaii's ability to protect and manage wildlife resources for the benefit of all residents and visitors.

Implementation of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact in Hawaii would involve the co-operation and coordination of three divisions within the Department: Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement, Division of Aquatic Resources, and Division of Forestry and Wildlife, as well as input from other stakeholders. A nominal fee of \$500.00 annually is necessary to establish and maintain the system. Staff time to input or extract data is dependent on the number of qualifying violations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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SB-1175

Submitted on: 2/6/2021 11:20:18 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ian Garrod	Testifying for DLNR	Support	No

Comments:

I wish to provide back-up testimony for DLNR. Please allow me Zoom access. Thank you.



February 8, 2021, 1pm

TO: Honorable Chair Inouye and Senate Water and Land Committee members

SUBMITTED BY: Inga Gibson, Policy Consultant, For the Fishes
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RE: SUPPORT for SB1175; Interstate Wildlife Violators Compact

For the Fishes respectfully urges your **support of SB1175** which would allow DLNR, who supports this measure, to become a member of the national law enforcement network known as the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

47 states are currently members of this Compact. The Compact is an agreement between states to gain further compliance with wildlife related laws, ordinances, and regulations of participating states, while providing for the fair and impartial treatment of wildlife violators.

Membership in the Compact is free to member states and, according to existing member states, has little to no fiscal impact (estimated 10 hours per month of existing staff time entering information into the national database).

Wildlife officials estimate that nationally tens of millions of animals are poached each year. Poaching is a serious problem and far more often than not, poaching activity remains undetected and poachers go unpunished for their crimes. In fact, it is estimated that despite the tireless efforts of wildlife protection officers, a mere one to five percent of poachers are ever apprehended by law enforcement.

Crimes that may be recorded and accessed via the IWVC database include but are not limited to the following: Illegal take or possession of big game, Illegal take or possession of threatened or endangered species, Felony wildlife violations, License violations, fraud, false statement, Waste of wildlife, Accumulated wildlife violations, Violations while on revocation, Sale/purchase of prohibited wildlife, Illegal take or possession of small game or migratory birds and Federal Wildlife Violations.

Modeled after the equally successful Driver's License Compact, the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact was first developed back in the early 1990s. If enacted in Hawaii, it would prevent wildlife violators who have lost their wildlife related privileges in member states from coming to Hawaii to circumvent those license revocations. Enacting the compact would also ensure that those who have been punished with license revocations for illegal wildlife acts in Hawaii can't avoid their punishment by engaging in those activities in another member state.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.



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Date: Feb. 5, 2021

To: Chair Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye
Vice Chair Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
and Members of the Committee on Water and Land

Submitted By: Stephanie Kendrick, Public Policy Advocate
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RE: Testimony in support of SB 1175:
Relating to the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact
Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2021, 1 p.m., Capitol conference room 229

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, thank you for considering our support for Senate Bill 1175, which authorizes 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.

The Hawaiian Humane Society advocates for the humane treatment of all animals, including wildlife. Hawaii authorities charged with enforcing wildlife-related regulations should have access to information about individuals convicted of violating these rules in other states so they can bar them from similar activities in Hawaii. SB 1175 would bring Hawaii in line with 48 other states that have joined together to enforce protections for wild animals.

Please pass SB 1175 to strengthen the enforcement of wildlife regulations across jurisdictions.

Mahalo for your consideration and let me know if I can be of assistance.