

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1447

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2023

RE: S.C.R. No. 113

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 113 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO MINIMIZE HUMAN INTERACTION AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS DURING CORAL SPAWNING EVENTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to minimize human interaction at certain locations during coral spawning events.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Friends of Hanauma Bay, and four individuals.

Your Committees find that human interference shortly after once-a-year coral spawning events -- such as swimming, snorkeling, and scuba diving -- can imperil coral colonies by preventing coral larvae from safely settling into reefs. Your Committees find that efforts in Kahului Bay and Waiakea Bay State Park to minimize human interference for several days after a spawning event have successfully increased the amount of juvenile corals in these areas. Therefore, this measure requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources to expand on this success and take certain actions to support healthier coral reefs.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 113 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair





The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SCR113</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WTL/AEN</b>	Date: <b>03-22-23</b>
--	---------------------------------------	--------------------------

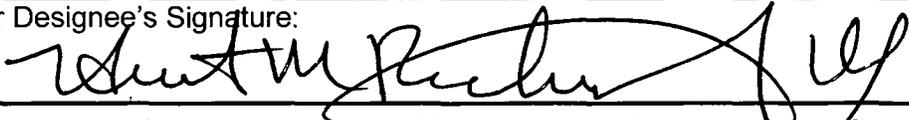
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312     Pass, with amendments 2311     Hold 2310     Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
AWA, Brenton	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			

Recommendation:     Adopted     Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


Distribution:    Original    Yellow    Pink    Goldenrod  
 File with Committee Report    Clerk's Office    Drafting Agency    Committee File Copy

\*Only one measure per Record of Votes