

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1530

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2023

RE: S.C.R. No. 224

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 224 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO
CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE DIVISION OF
BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND
NATURAL RESOURCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Auditor to conduct a comprehensive management audit of the
Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation of the Department of Land
and Natural Resources.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Free Access Coalition, Wailoa River and Reeds Bay Boating
and Users Association, and nineteen individuals. Your Committee
received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and
Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the poor condition of small boat
harbors and boating facilities has been a recurring problem for
the State. In 2001, the Auditor found that the Division of
Boating and Ocean Recreation's mismanagement and neglect allowed
many facilities to deteriorate to the point where their continued
use threatened public safety, with many facilities facing
permanent closure absent major repairs. Your Committee finds
that, over twenty years later, several small boat harbors and



boating facilities continue to exist in dilapidated conditions and that further improvements are necessary for the protection of public safety. Therefore, this measure requests the Auditor to conduct a comprehensive management audit to assess the Division's maintenance and operation of its facilities, whether the Division is meeting its goals outlined in its 2019 strategic action plan, and whether the Division is using taxes and fees collected for its small boat harbors appropriately.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 224 and recommends its adoption.

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


LORRAINE R. INOUÉ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water and Land
WTL

Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 224	Committee Referral: WTL	Date: 3/24/23		
<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
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes