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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.R. No. 26

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.R. No. 26 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO PROTECT HAWAII'S WATERS AND RESOURCES BY PROHIBITING SEABED MINING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to prohibit mining of the seabed within Hawaii state waters.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Benioff Ocean Science Laboratory, Ocean Tourism Coalition, Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition, Climate Protectors Hawai'i, and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that the ocean is of significant economic, environmental, and cultural importance to the State. Your Committee further finds that seabed mining could negatively impact the State's marine waters and ecosystems. This measure would ensure that the State takes a precautionary approach to the potential harms of seabed mining.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to

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this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 26 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection,

NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

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☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)				
2. COCHRAN, Elle (VC)				
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3. GATES, Cedric Asuega		Frant Le		
4. KAHALOA, Kirstin		ALLEGO (157) yw se'r Hill 		
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.				
6. WOODSON, Justin H.				
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7. WARD, Gene				
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The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature.				
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