

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3659

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1922
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1922, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDLIFE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the Department of Land and Natural Resources' rulemaking authority to include any rule deemed necessary to protect certain wildlife; and
- (2) Expand the Board of Land and Natural Resources' authority to timely adopt, amend, or repeal certain rules if the Board finds that the action is necessary to implement effective and adaptive management measures in response to impacted natural resources or in light of newly available technology or data.

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

Your Committee finds that administrative rules provide state agencies with direction to effectively carry out their mandates. However, certain situations may arise that require timely action by state agencies, including the Department of Land and Natural



Resources, to reflect emerging and rapidly advancing technology and data. Therefore, the Board and Department of Land and Natural Resources should be provided with greater flexibility to adopt, amend, or repeal certain rules for effective management in the event of new technology or available data. Accordingly, this measure will ensure that the Department of Land and Natural Resources has the flexibility necessary to ensure ongoing protection of natural resources and wildlife statewide.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1922, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1922, H.D. 2, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 1922 HD2	Committee Referral: WTL, JDC	Date: 04/02/24		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.				
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	4	—	—	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