

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2478
H.D. 1
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 Water and Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 2478, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PACIFIC MARINE FISHERIES COMPACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Governor to execute a compact on behalf of the State to cooperate in the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawaii Fishermen's Alliance for Conservation and Tradition.

Your Committee finds that the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) is an interstate compact agency that helps state resource management agencies and the fishing industry sustainably manage Pacific Ocean resources, particularly those that cross jurisdictional boundaries. While the PSMFC possesses no regulatory or management authority, it provides a number of vital functions that are relevant to the State, such as a forum for the discussion of interstate fisheries resource management, coordinating fisheries-related research and management projects, and the dispersal of federal fishery disaster funds. This measure will make the State member of the PSMFC, which may be a valuable



contributor toward the members' mutual goal of better managing pacific ocean fishery resources.

Your Committee has amended this measure by specifying that at least one commissioner appointed to the Pacific State Marine Fisheries Commission shall have knowledge of Native Hawaiian cultural fishing practices and shall serve as a representative of the Native Hawaiian fishing community.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2478, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2478, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.


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
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HB 2478, HDI	WTL, JDC	03 / 15 / 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
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley				✓
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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