

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2161**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 07 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2767
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2767 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify that the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority's duties include supporting aquaculture.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Kowa Premium Foods Hawaii Corporation; EcoponicX, Inc.; and Hawaii Young Republicans.

Your Committees find that while the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) currently manages aquaculture tenants and supports aquaculture industry development, this policy could change depending on economic or political shifts. The proposed language in this measure establishes a statutory relationship with aquaculture and signals to the aquaculture industry that NELHA will continue to support aquaculture into the future.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:



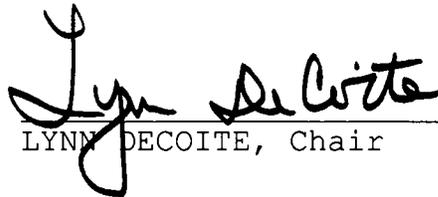
- (1) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2060, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2767, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2767, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy, Economic
Development, and Tourism and
Agriculture and Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



LYNN DECOITE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
EET

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2767	EET/AEN, WAM	1-30-24		
<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
DECOITE, Lynn (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
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

