

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 730
S.D. 1

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.B. No. 730 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FISHPONDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to support the Department of Land and Natural Resources in restoring and restocking fishponds by providing fingerlings and limu and establishing one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Aquaculture Coordinator Biologist VI position.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo, Hawai'i Food+ Policy, Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action, Maunaloa Fishpond Heritage Center, Hawai'i SEED, Kauai Sea Farms LLC, and twenty-nine individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Ka'upulehu Marine Life Advisory Committee.

Your Committee finds that traditional Hawaiian fishponds, or loko ia, are unique aquaculture systems that feed and connect communities around the islands. Loko ia are important to traditional Hawaiian cultural practices and ecological watershed health, and help to promote food security in the State. Your Committee further finds that restocking loko ia with juvenile fish will support ongoing efforts to restore loko ia and make them more



sustainable. Therefore, the purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the restoration and restocking of loko ia.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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 S.B. No. 730, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 730, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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


LORRAINE R. INOUYE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:	
SB 730	WTL, WAM	02/01/23	
<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 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
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓		
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓		
CHANG, Stanley	✓		
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓		
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓		
TOTAL	5	ϕ	ϕ
Recommendation:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	
Chair's or Designee's Signature:			
			
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