

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2023

RE: S.B. No. 730
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 730, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FISHPONDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support the restocking and restoration of Hawaiian fishponds.

Specifically, this measure appropriates moneys to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to:

- (1) Provide fingerlings and limu for the restoration and restocking of fishponds; and
- (2) Establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) aquaculture coordinator biologist VI position.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Kua`aina Ulu `Auamo, Ko`olau Foundation, Food+ Policy Internship, Hawai`i Alliance for Progressive Action, and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that loko ia, or Hawaiian fishponds, can increase local food production, improve food security, perpetuate local and traditional practices, capture sediment that would



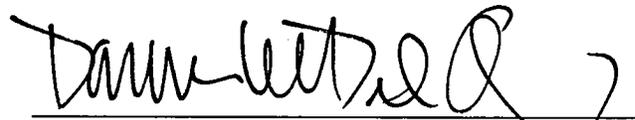
otherwise enter the ocean and harm reefs, and provide employment opportunities to Hawaii residents. Your Committee further finds that production of fingerlings can be an important tool to manage fisheries, while also alleviating pressure on nearshore fish stocks.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the purpose of the appropriation; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 730, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 730, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Second Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 730 SDI	Committee Referral: WTL, WAM	Date: 2/9/23		
<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	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
DECOITE, Lynn	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
LEE, Chris	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	12			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">DK</div>				
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