

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3470

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2024

RE: S.C.R. No. 215
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
S.C.R. No. 215 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO COLLABORATE WITH FEDERAL,
STATE, AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS; LANDOWNERS; AND STAKEHOLDERS
TO PROTECT, RESTORE, AND MANAGE THE WEST MAUI WETLANDS AND
WETLANDS STATEWIDE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Department of Land and Natural Resources to collaborate with
federal, state, and county governments; landowners; and
stakeholders to protect, restore, and manage the West Maui
wetlands and wetlands statewide.

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

Your Committee finds that wetlands help improve water
quality, increase groundwater flows, provide habitats for native
species, act as natural firebreaks, and greatly benefit coastal
water quality. The ongoing recovery efforts in Lahaina and West
Maui after the devastating August 2023 wildfires provide an
opportunity to rebuild and restore historic wetlands that had been
covered with commercial or residential developments. Your



Committee concludes that a collaborative effort between federal, state, and county governments; landowners; and stakeholders to protect, restore, and manage West Maui wetlands and wetlands statewide would be beneficial to the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 215, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 215, S.D. 1.

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
Committee on Water and Land
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SCR 215	WTL	3/27/24		
<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	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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