

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3594

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2024

RE: S.R. No. 104  
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.R. No. 104 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO WORK WITH THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER EXPERTS TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE POPULATION STATUS OF DEPLETED CORAL REEF HERBIVORES AROUND THE ISLAND OF OAHU AND DEVELOP EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE POLICIES FOR SUBSTANTIALLY REPLENISHING THOSE POPULATIONS WITHIN A DECADE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Land and Natural Resources to work with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other experts to conduct a study on the population status of depleted coral reef herbivores around the island of Oahu and develop effective alternative policies for substantially replenishing those populations within a decade.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition, Friends of Hanauma Bay, The Nature Conservancy, Restore the Commons, Global March for Elephants and Rhinos, Ocean Preservation Society, Miloli'i Makai Watch, and twenty-one individuals.



Your Committee finds that coral reefs are fundamental to the fabric of local communities, providing a source of food, materials, and traditional activities, in addition to ecological and economic benefits. The maintenance and recovery of coral reefs requires an abundant and diverse population of coral reef herbivores. The population of these fish around the island of Oahu is five percent below its potential. Your Committee recognizes the importance of herbivorous reef fish to the health of coral reef ecosystems and finds that a study on the population status of various herbivore fish species will help increase the population of these species around the island of Oahu.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment 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.R. No. 104, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 104, S.D. 1.

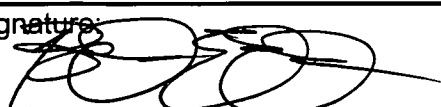
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water and Land,

  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SR 104</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WTL</b>	Date: <b>3/25/24</b>		
<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	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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