

Honolulu, Hawaii MAR 01 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1554 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1554, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- Expand the Department of Land and Natural Resources' rulemaking authority to include any rule to impose restrictions or requirements deemed necessary to protect certain aquatic life; and
- (2) Expand the Board of Land and Natural Resources' authority to temporarily adopt, amend, or repeal certain natural resource rules by formal action at a publicly noticed meeting if the Board finds that such adoption, amendment, or repeal is necessary to implement effective and adaptive management measures in light of newly available technology or data.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Miloli'i Makai Watch; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.



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Your Committee finds that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is tasked with managing and administering the aquatic life and aquatic resources of the State. However, your Committee finds that the Department's rulemaking authority with respect to aquatic life and aquatic resources is limited, and the Department is unable to take action on many issues affecting aquatic life and aquatic resources. This measure broadens the Department's rulemaking authority to adequately address issues pertaining to aquatic life and aquatic resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1554, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs,

DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature

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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1554, HD1 Committee Referral: WAL, JHA 2-29.24				
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:   Pass, unamended (as is)   Pass, with amendments (HD)   Hold     Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)				
2. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (VC)				
3. EVSLIN, Luke A.				e 1995 en 1995
4. GANADEN, Sonny				
5. HOLT, Daniel				
6. ICHIYAMA, Linda				- ·
7. ILAGAN, Greggor				
8 KONC Som Soform				
8. KONG, Sam Satoru				
9. MIYAKE, Tyson K.				
10. SOUZA, Kanani				
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<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	1	1	-	2
The recommendation is: 🖌 Adopted 🛛 Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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