STAND. COM. REP. NO. 470 -24

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2001 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 Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 2001, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESTORATIVE AQUACULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Agriculture's Aquaculture Development Program to conduct a feasibility study to identify potential sites in the State for restorative aquaculture activities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Kuaʿāina Ulu ʿAuamo; Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association; Hulu Mamo Hawaiian Civic Club; Hawaiʻi Farm Bureau; The Nature Conservancy; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the State is well-positioned geographically and well-suited for restorative aquaculture due to its favorable climate, critical ocean biosecurity through natural isolation, and high seafood consumption. Your Committee further finds that Act 63, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, appropriated funds to revitalize the Aquaculture Development Program. This measure will further develop the program by exploring potential sites for restorative aquaculture activities that will help the economy and environment.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2001, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

TINDA TCHTYAMA Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2001 HD 1	Committee Referral:	Date	" 2/13/3	4
HB 2001 HD 1 AGR WAL FIN 2/13/14 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)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ICHIYAMA, Linda (C)	√			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	√			
3. CHUN, Cory M.				
3. CHON, Cory M.				
4. GANADEN, Sonny	√		1	
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				
6. MIZUNO, May Besario				
7. MORIKAWA, Dee				
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	1			
9. SOUZA, Kanani	V			
TOTAL (9)	9	0	0	1
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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