## STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii APR 05 , <sup>2024</sup>

RE: S.B. No. 2575 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 Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2575, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the:

- Mining, extraction, and removal of minerals from the seabed in all state marine waters, with certain exemptions; and
- (2) Issuance of any permit for or in connection with the development or operation of any facility or infrastructure associated with the mining, extraction, or removal of minerals from the seabed within state marine waters.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Benioff Ocean Science Laboratory; Sustainable Ocean Alliance Hawai'i; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Parley for the Oceans, Hawai'i; Hawai'i Youth Climate Coalition; Hawai'i Wildlife Fund; Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Deep Sea Mining Campaign; 350Hawaii.org; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Rev Ocean; Friends of Hanauma Bay; FutureSwell; Marine Conservation

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Institute; Kauai Women's Caucus; Hawai'i's Thousand Friends; Sustainable Coastlines Hawai'i; National Parks Conservation Association; Oceanic Preservation Society; Surfrider Foundation, Hawai'i Region; Blue Climate Initiative; Tetiaroa Society; The Marine Mammal Center; The Ocean Foundation; Greenpeace Hawaii; HULI PAC; Te Ipukarea Society; Hawaii Fishing & Boating Association; Deep Blue Eco Tours; Hotel Renew; Hawai'i Eco Divers & Surf Adventures; One Ocean Diving; The Kahala Hotel & Resort; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Americans for Democratic Action; For the Fishes; Fair Wind Cruises; Big Island Reef Keepers Hui; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Keiko Conservation; Nā Mamo O Mū'olea; New Earth Flow; The Nature Conservancy; Maui Ocean Center; Hawai'i Unity and Liberation Institute; Maui Nui Makai Network; We Are One Ministries; The Whaleman Foundation; Na Moku Aupuni o Ko'olau Hui; Blue Startups; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from three individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2575, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance** 

Bill/Resolution No.: SB2979, HDI		e Referral: WAL, FIN	Dat U	212024	
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)					
FIN Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)					
3. AIU, Micah P.K.		V			
4. CHUN, Cory M.					
5. COCHRAN, Elle		$\checkmark$			
6. GARRETT, Andrew T	akuya				
7. KAHALOA, Kirstin		V			
8. KILA, Darius K.					
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertran	WINDOW NULLEY NEW CONCERNING SYLVEY CONTINUES.				$\checkmark$
10. LAMOSAO, Rachele F					
11. MORIKAWA, Dee					
12. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	An				
13. POEPOE, Mahina				State State State State	
14. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna 15. ALCOS III, David					
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TOTAL (16)		15	0	0	
The recommendation is:	Adopted If joint referral,	Not Adopted did not support recommendation			
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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