

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 21 2025**

RE: H.B. No. 1220

H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1220, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to support the efforts of the Division of Aquatic Resources of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to remove the majano anemone from Kaneohe Bay.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, Hawai'i Invasive Species Council, University of Hawai'i System, Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, Ohana Unity Party, and three individuals.

Your Committees find that the majano anemone is a highly invasive species that spreads rapidly and aggressively and is capable of outcompeting native coral species for space and resources, posing a severe threat to the delicate coral reef system of Kaneohe Bay. If left unchecked, the majano anemone could decimate coral populations in the bay, destabilize the ecosystem, and harm marine life, including the fish populations that depend on healthy reefs. Your Committees also find that the Division of Aquatic Resources of the Department of Land and



Natural Resources has proposed a multi-phase removal strategy tailored to the biology of the majano anemone. Accordingly, this measure may prevent further damage and spread of the majano anemone, ensuring that the State's coral reefs and marine ecosystems remain healthy and vibrant.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1220, H.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Water and Land  
and Agriculture and  
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
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**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Water and Land**  
**WTL**

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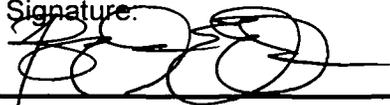
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312     
  Pass, with amendments 2311     
  Hold 2310     
  Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley				✓
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

Recommendation:     
 Adopted     
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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