

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 28**, 2025

RE: H.B. No. 309

H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 309, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FISHPONDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a working group within the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant Program to develop an inventory of state-owned fishponds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Hawai'i Ocean Legislative Task Force; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Hawai'i Farmers Union; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Ali'i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club; The Nature Conservancy, Hawai'i and Palmyra; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program and Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation Commission.

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 H.B. No. 309, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K.T. Yamashita', written in a cursive style.

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KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



