

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 16 2025

RE: H.C.R. No. 122  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred  
H.C.R. No. 122, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH A COLLABORATIVE  
WORKING GROUP TO SURVEY, IDENTIFY, AND MONITOR CULTURALLY  
SENSITIVE SHORELINES IMPACTED BY EROSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish a  
collaborative working group to survey, identify, and monitor  
culturally sensitive shorelines impacted by erosion.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Your Committee finds that Native Hawaiian iwi kupuna were  
historically interred along sandy shoreline areas which are now  
increasingly threatened by coastal erosion. Your Committee  
further finds that iwi discovered via shoreline erosion are  
frequently located in the high-water mark, making it difficult to  
preserve them in place. Iwi found in shoreline areas also fall  
under the jurisdiction of the State, complicating quick  
reinterment efforts within the immediate vicinity due to the need  
for permission from adjacent properties. Your Committee also  
finds that an inter-division program to coordinate efforts among



state and county agencies is necessary to ensure the protection and restoration of Native Hawaiian burial sites and iwi kupuna affected by coastal erosion. Accordingly, this measure requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish a collaborative working group to survey, identify, and monitor culturally sensitive shorelines impacted by erosion and provide proper care for the iwi.

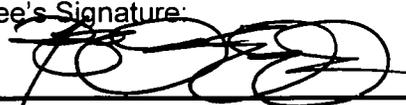
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 122, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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

  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair

The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Water and Land**  
**WTL**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HR 122, HDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WTL</b>	Date: <b>4/11/25</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> 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>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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