

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1639
S.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 Transportation and Culture and the Arts
and Economic Development and Tourism, to which was referred S.B.
No. 1639 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII BEACH DAY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish Hawaii Beach Day;
- (2) Require the Hawaii Tourism Authority, in collaboration
with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, to
organize and support events and activities to celebrate
and observe Hawaii Beach Day; and
- (3) Appropriate funds.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from one individual.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this
measure from one individual.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the
Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawai'i Tourism
Authority.



Your Committees find that beaches are a vital natural and cultural resource in the State. Pollution, overuse, and erosion threaten these sacred spaces and necessitate improved environmental stewardship and responsible use. Therefore, this measure recognizes the importance of protecting the State's natural environment by establishing an annual Hawaii Beach Day.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and Economic Development and Tourism that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1639, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1639, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Transportation
and Culture and the Arts and
Economic Development and
Tourism,


LYNN DECOITE, Chair


CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">SB 1639</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">TCA/EDT, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">2-13-2025</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Lorraine R. Inoue</div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> <div>Distribution:</div> <div>Original</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>Pink</div> <div>Goldenrod</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 2px;"> <div>File with Committee Report</div> <div>Clerk's Office</div> <div>Drafting Agency</div> <div>Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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