

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

937

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

RE: S.B. No. 177
S.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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 177, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUACULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify aquaculture industry requirements in the State.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Authorizes the Division of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture to adopt, amend, and repeal rules to develop an assessment and approval process to import and move aquatic livestock in the State; and
- (2) Requires the Aquaculture Program to develop a biological aquatic risk-based framework and biocontainment standards for the aquatic livestock assessment and approval process.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness Development Corporation, County of Hawaii Department of Research and Development, Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Kohala Mountain Fish Company, Kowa Premium



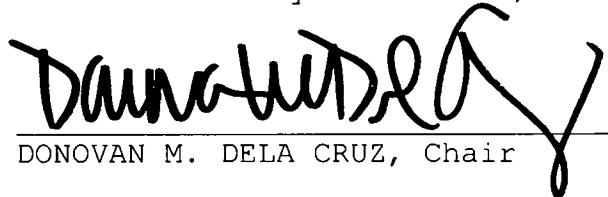
Foods Hawaii Corporation, Marine Science Learning Center at Waianae High School, and one individual.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from Animal Rights Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that implementing the robust assessment processes in this measure will promote responsible and sustainable growth of Hawaii's aquaculture industry, which has a significant potential for expansion. Your Committee further finds that a risk-based framework will help evaluate potential risks associated with the movement of aquatic species and better balance industry growth while minimizing negative impacts to native species and ecosystems.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 177, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 177, SD1	Committee Referral: AEN, WAM	Date: 2/27/25		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes