

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

294

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2025

RE: S.B. No. 841
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 Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 841 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require that the Department of Land and Natural Resources establish and conduct a Marine Life Conservation District Carrying Capacity Program to establish best practices for appropriate use of the State's marine life conservation districts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea, Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition, and three individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Ocean Tourism Coalition and Ho'āla Kealakekua Nui.

Your Committee finds that marine life conservation districts are established by the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conserve and replenish the State's marine resources. Act 31, Session Laws of Hawaii of 2022, was enacted to require that the Department of Land and Natural Resources establish and conduct the Pūpūkea Marine Life Conservation District Carrying Capacity Pilot Program to reduce the impact of humans on the health and abundance



of marine life in the sensitive areas of the Pupukeya Marine Life Conservation District. This measure will address the carrying capacity of the State's most valuable marine resources, ensuring their protection and conservation for the future.

Your Committee has 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 record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 841, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 841, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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


LORRAINE R. INCUBE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 841	Committee Referral: WTL, WAM	Date: 02/03/25		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	5	ϕ	ϕ	ϕ
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**