

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2098

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 14 , 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 115
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 Energy & Environmental Protection, to which
was referred S.C.R. No. 115 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF
MARINE ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TO ACHIEVE THE STATE'S
DECARBONIZATION GOALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to affirm the importance of
marine ecosystem restoration to achieve the State's
decarbonization goals.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Coalition Earth; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party
of Hawai'i; and one individual. Your Committee received comments
on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that marine ecosystem restoration can
help mitigate some of the impacts of climate change by increasing
biodiversity and preserving carbon sinks and other natural
resources that help remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.
Your Committee further finds that maintaining transparent methods
for quantifying greenhouse gas emissions is crucial to ensuring
the consistency and accuracy of greenhouse gas emissions data.
This measure affirms the value that marine ecosystems have in
helping the State achieve decarbonization and acknowledges the

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need to continue efforts to improve carbon accounting methodologies to ensure accurate greenhouse gas emissions data.

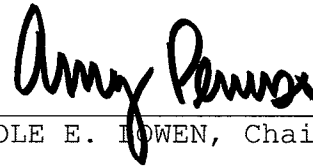
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying the significance of fresh and brackish water wetlands in capturing and storing carbon; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 115, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 115, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,

for



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 115	Committee Referral: EED	Date: 4/10/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EED Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)	✓			
3. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
4. KUSCH, Matthias	✓			
5. QUINLAN, Sean				✓
TOTAL(5)	4			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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