

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1397

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31 2025

RE: S.R. No. 27  
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.R. No. 27 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE TO PRIORITIZE THE RESTORATION AND PROTECTION OF ADDITIONAL WETLANDS AND ANCHIALINE POOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Division of Forestry and Wildlife to prioritize the restoration and protection of additional wetlands and anchialine pools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition, Maui Ocean Center, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the protection and restoration of wetlands helps enhance wildfire and drought resistance; reduces the magnitude of floods; and provides valuable habitats for flora, fauna, and endangered species. Your Committee further finds that without protection, the State's wetlands and anchialine pools are at risk of degradation, threatening rare ecosystems and species. This measure urges the Division of Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to expand protections for wetlands and anchialine pools to ensure that the State and its residents will continue to benefit from them.



Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 27, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 27, S.D. 1.

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

  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



