STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1346-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24, 2026

RE: S.B. No. 3032
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 3032, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BEACHES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that the prohibition on the taking or mining of beach or marine deposits, including sand, seaward from the shoreline includes licensed and unlicensed contractors.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Surfrider Foundation, Hawai'i Region; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that although existing state law prohibits the removal or mining of sand from public beaches, enforcement has been weakened by uncertainty over who may be held accountable when violations occur. In practice, responsibility has often fallen primarily on homeowners, even when the physical removal of sand is carried out by licensed or unlicensed contractors. This situation has created an enforcement gap that allows contractors, the repeat actors with technical expertise and control over execution, to avoid direct accountability. Your Committee finds that this measure would fill this gap by explicitly clarifying that licensed and unlicensed contractors are

also subject to penalties for illegal sand removal. This measure does not change what activities are legal or illegal, nor does it expand or restrict existing permitting authorities. Instead, it simply ensures that everyone involved in illegal sand removal is clearly accountable under the law. This measure shifts enforcement from a reactive, complaint-driven system to one that better deters violations before irreversible harm to beaches occurs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; 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 Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3032, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3032, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water & Land.
Committee on Water & Land,

MARK J. HASHEM, Chair

State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature HSCR 1346-26

Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB3032, SD1	WAL, JHA	3/19/26

☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: ☐ Pass, unamended (as is) ☑ Pass, with amendments (HD) ☐ Hold
☐ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HASHEM, Mark J. (C)	✓			
2. MORIKAWA, Dee (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
5. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco	✓			
6. POEPOE, Mahina	✓			
7. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
8. SHIMIZU, Garner M.		✓		
9. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
TOTAL (9)	7	1	Ø	1

The recommendation is: ☑ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted

If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____

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