

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

**3255**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 30 2026**

RE: H.B. No. 2395  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 2395, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TAKING OF MARINE DEPOSITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Department of Land and Natural Resources to approve permits for research, education, management, or propagation purposes that include the taking of marine deposits seaward of the shoreline, as long as the resources will be returned to the beach if possible and the taking poses no more than a minimal or negligible risk to the environment.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Land and Natural Resources regularly receives requests for permits involving the taking of marine deposits from state waters for research, education, management, or propagation purposes. However, section 171-58.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, does not currently allow for the take of marine deposits for these purposes; thus, the Department is not authorized to approve corresponding permit



requests. This measure will facilitate legitimate research projects in numerous scientific fields, furthering the knowledge, education, and resiliency of the State's natural resources and environment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2395, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2395, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary.

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



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CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts**  
**WLA**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 2395 HD2</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WLA, WAM/JDC</b>	Date: <b>3-23-2026</b>
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312    
  Pass, with amendments 2311    
 Hold 2310    
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
LAMOSAO, Rachele	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			

Recommendation:    
 Adopted    
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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