

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3543

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2026

RE: S.R. No. 28

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 S.R. No. 28 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICT CARRYING CAPACITY STUDY TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A STATEWIDE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the establishment of a Marine Life Conservation District carrying capacity study task force to develop a statewide implementation plan.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that it is becoming increasingly evident that activities long considered non-extractive can still have significant impacts on nearshore ecosystems and resource health. Your Committee believes that it is critical to better understand these impacts, human-use thresholds, and the ecological response in order to protect vital marine ecosystems and support cultural practices, recreation, education, and local livelihoods. This measure will allow the State to conduct additional carrying capacity studies to help protect precious and unique areas in the State.



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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 28 and recommends its adoption.

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

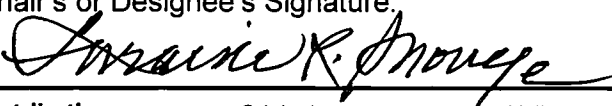


CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts
WLA

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SR 28	WLA	3/30/2026
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓	
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓	
CHANG, Stanley		✓
LAMOSAO, Rachele	✓	
DECORTE, Samantha	✓	
TOTAL	4	1
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
Distribution:		
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes