

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3424

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 06 2026

RE: S.R. No. 81

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety and Military Affairs and Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, to which was referred S.R. No. 81 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ERADICATION OF OCTOCORAL AND OTHER INVASIVE SPECIES FROM THE WATERS OF PEARL HARBOR, INCLUDING WEST LOCH, MIDDLE LOCH, AND EAST LOCH,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to encourage the United States Navy to take responsibility for the eradication of octocoral and other invasive species from the waters of Pearl Harbor, including West Loch, Middle Loch, and East Loch.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Military Affairs Council.

Your Committees find that invasive species, particularly invasive octocoral, are a critical threat to the State's unique aquatic ecosystems. Because many native species lack adequate defenses, they are particularly susceptible to invasive species that outcompete them for light and space. The most significant of the harms caused by invasive species often fall on native stony



corals, which form the foundation of the State's marine ecosystems and provide natural infrastructure for its islands. While invasive octocorals are currently contained within Pearl Harbor, it is only a matter of time until they spread to other State waters. As the steward of the waters of Pearl Harbor, it is critical for the United States Navy to continue to take action to prevent the spread of octocorals and other invasive species. This measure supports those efforts by encouraging the United States Navy to continue its preventative actions in Pearl Harbor.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety and Military Affairs and Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 81 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Public Safety and  
Military Affairs and Energy and  
Intergovernmental Affairs,



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GLENN WAKAI, Chair



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CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SR 81</b>	Committee Referral: <b>PSM/EIG</b>	Date: <b>3/31/26</b>		
<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
FUKUNAGA, Carol (C)	✓			
LEE, Chris (VC)	✓			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				✓
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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\*Only one measure per Record of Votes

