

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 2, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1982
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, to which was referred H.B. No. 1982 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE FISH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to permanently establish the humuhumunukunukuapua'a (*rhinecanthus rectangulus*) as the official fish of the state.

Several concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources opposed this measure. A concerned individual offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by changing its effective date to July 1, 2008, to allow other fish to be considered for designation as the state fish.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1982, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1982, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.



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



EZRA R. KANOHO, Chair



