

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 3069

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns,
to which was referred H.B. No. 3069 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO USE OF BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES
COLLECTED IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote the sustainable
development and use of biological resources found in Hawaii by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to create a permitting system for the purpose of collecting and using biological resources derived from lands and waters of the State;
- (2) Requiring and appropriating funds for DLNR to implement an electronic database to process and track collection permits and biological resources that are collected; and
- (3) Providing for the use and distribution of revenues from the licensing of any biological resources that are collected under permit in the state.

The University of Hawaii, High Technology Development Corporation, Hawaii Science & Technology Council, Hawaii Venture Capital Association, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Hawaiian Alliance for Responsible Technology & Science, Oceanit, and two concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. DLNR, the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and

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Ahahui Siwila Hawaii O Kapolei supported the intent of this measure. The Waikiki Hawaiian Civic Club offered comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3069 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committees on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development & Business
Concerns,


JUN RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



